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1. campus news

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Fed Challenge Team Honored at Newark City Hall



Members of the Rutgers-Newark College Fed Challenge Team and their faculty advisor, Dr. John Graham, chair of the Rutgers-Newark economic department were honored at Newark City Hall recently by the Newark Municipal Council. The team won the New York Federal Reserve District competition of the 2006 College Fed Challenge, and came in third in the nationwide competition. Pictured here are, from left, Assemblyman William Payne Vice Provost Marcia Brown, City Council President Mildred Crump; City Council member and

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R-N alumnus Annibal Ramos; student Kristina Lopez, Professor John Graham, team advisor; student Sneha Pendse; Councilman Donald Payne, Jr.; student Anthony Restaino; Councilman Carlos Gonzalez; student Billy Joseph; and Councilwoman Dana Rone.

Race and Medicine: Is There An Unhealthy Relationship? March 31 Conference Will Debate

Can racism make us ill? Does a person's race make that individual more healthy – or more sickly? Debates such as these are the core of this year's Applied and Urban Ethics Conference, scheduled for Sat., March 31 at the Center for Law and Justice. "Race, Ethnicity and Medicine" -- the eighth annual ethics program -- is open to the public free of charge. "The aim of conference is to heighten public awareness and stimulate discussion of ethical issues surrounding the role of race in medical intervention," explains Dr. Pheroze Wadia, one of the conference organizers. "Our speakers will discuss issues such as how stress from racism might be a source of ill health; the poor quality of health care resulting from racial bias or simple misunderstandings; and whether or not society

should invest in the development of race-based medicine,” explains Wadia, who is a professor emeritus of philosophy at Rutgers-Newark.

The daylong program features a keynote talk by Dr. Maria Soto-Greene, vice dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, who specializes in cultural competency for health care professionals. The program also includes morning and afternoon panel discussions, as well as Q & As with the speakers.

Each year the urban and applied ethics conference aims to raise public awareness and stimulate discussion of crucial ethical issues that affect the lives of people around the globe. It is jointly sponsored by the Rutgers-Newark Department of Philosophy and the New Jersey Medical School-UMDNJ, in association with the Prudential Business Ethics Center at Rutgers.

College of Nursing

Celebrating 50 Years of the College of Nursing



Former Dean Ella V. Stonsby showing a nurse's uniform to Hildegard Peplau photo: College of Nursing Archives

Rutgers College of Nursing will have a grand celebration for the close of its 50th anniversary year with a gala at the Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset, N.J. on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. The masters of ceremonies will be Pat Battle, WNBC-TV reporter, and Anthony Johnson, WABC-TV reporter, and the special guest entertainment will be jazz vocalist Jeanie Bryson. The event will honor Deans of the College of Nursing, nursing members of the Hall of Distinguished Alumni, and outstanding College of Nursing Alumni of the Year. For additional information please contact Andrea West at 973.353.5293, ext. 636.

EOF Program News

The Commission on Higher Education Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) board of directors recently approved an outcomes-based funding increase of \$12,348 to the College of Nursing EOF program. The College of Nursing EOF program was recognized for achieving the highest Equity Index (EI) among EOF programs in the public research university sector. The EI is the ratio of the EOF cohort graduation rate to the overall institutional graduation rate.

The College of Nursing Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) nominated **Maureen Esteves** for the EOF Champion Award for the 2006-2007 academic year. The award, created by the Commission on Higher Education-EOF Program Board of Directors, is designed to recognize non-EOF administrators or faculty who, over the years, have served as champions for the various campus programs.

“Promise of Nursing” Grant Awarded

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association, Inc., awarded its \$25,000 Promise of Nursing for New Jersey Nursing School grant to the Rutgers College of Nursing. The grant is aimed at increasing the number of hours in the College of Nursing Learning Resource Centers on both campuses and to enhance tutoring opportunities for three of the undergraduate nursing courses. This project will involve a partnership with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

RBS Announces New M.B.A. Curriculum

The faculty of Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick (RBS) has approved a new curriculum for its full-time M.B.A. program. The new curriculum, which will be implemented in the fall

of 2007, addresses the career development needs of students as well as the expectations of employers, and leverages the intellectual authority of faculty.

“We’ve designed this new curriculum with input from our students, alumni and corporate employers in mind, and in response to an ever-evolving, increasingly demanding workplace,” commented RBS Acting Dean Rosa Oppenheim. “While the total number of credits required for graduation remains at 60, we’ve reduced the number of required core and foundation credits from 37 to 28,” Oppenheim said. “This enables students to take more elective courses in order to further develop in-depth expertise in specific career paths.”

The new curriculum includes a revamped set of core, foundation and experiential components that together provide the essential “big picture” for managerial practice, and one that helps distinguish the M.B.A. degree from specialty master’s degrees.

Douglas H. Jones, associate dean for academic programs, commented on the new program’s benefits – “an integrative approach that will result in more effective teaching, greater integration of material across academic disciplines, more electives, and greater flexibility and choice for students.”

Areas of concentration include finance, information technology management, management and global business, marketing, pharmaceutical management, and supply chain management. Customized concentrations are also available. The new curriculum extends the depth of material in each of these concentrations to a five-course elective requirement. Among the program’s experiential components is the required “Interfunctional Management” capstone course, in which a team of M.B.A. students serves as consultants to a client company or non-profit organization for the semester.

The full-time M.B.A. program will be offered on the Rutgers-Newark campus only, beginning this fall. The part-time M.B.A. program is offered on the Rutgers Newark and New Brunswick campuses, as well as convenient locations in Morristown, Jersey City and Princeton. More information can be found at <http://business.rutgers.edu/newsDetail.aspx?id=62>

Business Week Ranks RBS Undergraduate New Brunswick Program 32nd Nationally out of 540



Rutgers Business School’s New Brunswick Undergraduate program ranked at #32 overall in *Business Week*’s recently published second annual “The Best Undergraduate Business Schools” national ranking. Although nationwide there are 540 business schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), only 93 programs made the *Business Week* list. Among New Jersey schools, Rutgers’ New Brunswick-based program is the only one ranked as one of the best.

The program achieved particularly high marks for its academics, the quality of its students, the preparedness of its students for work and graduate school, and for giving students a strong return on their tuition dollar. For “return on investment,” Rutgers was ranked #8. The program was also ranked #10 by corporate recruiters, #18 for its skill in landing internships for its students, #27 for academic quality and #29 among “MBA feeder schools,” indicating that a high number of graduates move on to a top MBA program. In addition, *Business Week* concluded that Rutgers is distinguished by its “dedicated, high-caliber student body.”

The final ranking is based on an index number which represents the sum of five ranking measures. A survey of nearly 80,000 business majors at top schools counted for 30% of the final ranking, while a poll of undergraduate recruiters contributed 20%. Starting salaries for graduates counted for 10%, as did an “MBA feeder school” measure that gauged which schools send the most grads to 35 top MBA programs identified in previous *Business Week* rankings. An academic quality score — a combination of five measures including average SAT scores and faculty-student ratios — contributed the remaining 30%.

School of Public Affairs and Administration

NCPP Creates Action Plan for the NJ Meadowlands Commission

The School of Public Affairs and Administration's National Center for Public Performance (NCPP) recently completed a "Comprehensive Action Plan for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission." The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) is the zoning and regulatory agency for the 32-square-mile Meadowlands District. Covering 14 towns in Hudson and Bergen counties, this area encompasses some of the most densely populated areas of the most densely populated state in the nation, as well as breathtaking wetlands and open space located minutes from New York City. Major growth is expected in the area over the next two decades. The Comprehensive Action Plan, prepared in conjunction with the NCPP, provides a roadmap for the NJMC to follow in its implementation of a more strategic approach to its management, budgeting and planning operations. Five key areas are identified where the NJMC should direct its focus: Environmental Protection, Economic Development, Solid Waste Management, Provision of Regional Services and Organizational Efficiency. The financial component of the plan calls for multi-year, performance-based financial plans where dollars are tied to results. The NJMC will be first agency in New Jersey to have a strategic plan tied to a performance measurement structure that is also tied into the budget, expenditures and staff evaluations. For more information, contact Dean Marc Holzer at mholzer@rutgers.edu.

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

Sabrina Safrin Invited to Guest Blog About IP on "The Volokh Conspiracy"

Associate Professor Sabrina Safrin was invited to be the guest blogger in March on The Volokh Conspiracy (<http://volokh.com/>). The widely-read weblog, which receives more than 20,000 unique visitors each weekday from both within and outside the legal profession, covers U.S. legal and political issues. Professor Safrin blogged about her article "Chain Reaction: How Property Begets Property," which is forthcoming in the *Notre Dame Law Review*. Drawing on contemporary case studies, the article argues that property rights evolve in reaction to each other. Safrin believes that the chain reaction theory of the evolution of intellectual and other property rights has considerable implications.

Office of Campus and Community Relations

Job Shadow Day on Campus

On Monday, February 26, 2007, the Office of the Provost and the Office of Campus and Community Relations (OCCR) teamed up with the Newark Public Schools to host the Newark Public Schools Job Shadowing Program. Students "shadow" a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a "normal" day on the job. The goal is for the students to see how the skills they are currently learning in school relate to a workplace environment.

Eighty high and middle school students joined approximately 30 staff members from 25 departments to "shadow" them for part of their workday. Diane Hill and Yvette Ortiz-Beaumont of OCCR managed the program. Vice Provost Marcia Brown and Assistant Vice Provost Gerald Massenburg initiated the program in 2000.

College Tutors Partnership Program

This academic year the Office of Campus and Community Relations (OCCR) partnered with the Newark Public Schools to implement the College Tutors Partnership Program (CTPP). Rutgers-Newark is one of four higher education institutions -- including NJIT, Kean University, and Seton Hall University that participated in the program this year. The CTPP offers Rutgers-Newark students valuable work experience and community service by tutoring and preparing Newark high school students for the High

School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), a standardized test. Approximately 200 juniors from Malcolm X Shabazz High School are participating in the after-school initiative and 21 Rutgers-Newark students serve as tutors. The program runs four days a week, and is funded by a grant from The Newark Public Schools.

2. faculty & administration news



Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Frank Fischer, political science, gave a series of lectures on developments in the field of public policy as distinguished guest professor at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Rome, Italy, during the week of March 12th.

Max Herman, sociology, participated in a weeklong Hess Seminar at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in D.C., on teaching the Literature of the Holocaust.

Jonathan Lurie, history, has once again been invited to lecture at the Supreme Court. His lecture, which is part of the Supreme Court Historical Society's Leon Silverman Lecture Series, will focus on Justice Stanley Matthews and will be presented on April 26.

Sara Michael-Luna, urban education, has been appointed to the editorial board of *TESOL Quarterly*.

Clement Price, history, has written the liner notes for the Criterion box set DVD, "Paul Robeson: Portraits of the Artist."

The December 2006 issue of the journal *Developmental Psychobiology* was dedicated to emeritus professor **Jay Rosenblatt**, psychology. The issue contained numerous articles written by notables in the field – most of whom are graduates of Rutgers-Newark's former Institute of Animal Behavior.

The book *Sacred and Profane: Voice and Vision in Southern Self-Taught Art*, co-edited by **Charles Russell**, English and Carol Crown of the U. of Memphis, has just been published by the University Press of Mississippi.

Said Samatar, history, has been invited to speak at Chatham House, a London-based think tank, on the topic of "Why Somalia Is No Territory for Islamic Terrorists." He will be delivering his lecture later this spring.

Lee Slater, earth and environmental sciences, has won an NSF grant of \$96,164 for "Collaborative Research: An Interdisciplinary Investigation of Groundwater-Carbon Coupling in Large Peat Basins Relation to Climate Change."

College of Nursing

Dean Felissa R. Lashley's new book, *Essentials of Clinical Genetics in Nursing Practice*, has been published by Springer Publishing Co. The book delineates essential genetic knowledge for nurses by clinical specialty and nursing course. This is the first book of its kind and promotes inclusion of genetic content in nursing curricula and in individual health care service divisions.

Robert Atkins was among the Men In Nursing 2007 calendar winners and nominees receiving a certificate during The Institute for Nursing's Men in Nursing Gala on Dec. 6 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Princeton.

Barbara Canella is author of "Mediators of the relationship between social support and positive health practices in pregnant women" published by *Nursing Research*.

The Nursing Center for Bioterrorism and Emerging Infectious Diseases Preparedness and the Rutgers College of Nursing Center for Professional Development in collaboration with the Simulation Center at Burlington County College hosted a workshop on Pandemic Avian Flu at the College of Nursing in January. **Mary Johansen** joined with Joy Spellman, director and principal investigator, Center for Public Health Preparedness at Burlington County College; and Miriam Cohen, director of disaster preparedness, New Jersey Primary Care Association. Attendees discussed the impact of an outbreak on

their organizations and communities, and applied critical thinking during two individual case presentations using human patient simulators.

Elise Lev and **Lucille Eller** are the co-authors, with L.S., Kolassa, J., Gejerman, G., Colella, J., Lane, P., Scrofino, S., Esposito, M., Lanteri, V., Scheuch, J., Munver, R., Galli, B., Watson, R.A., Sawczuk, I. of "Exploratory factor analysis: Strategies used by patients to promote health," published by *World Journal of Urology*. **Lev** and **Eller** have received a \$162,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for their project, "Intervention to Enhance Quality of Life in Men with Prostate Cancer: Development and Testing."

Ganga Mahat, **Mary Ann Scoloveno**, and **Robert Scoloveno** are the co-authors, with Ruales N., of "Preparing peer educators for teen HIV/AIDS prevention," published by *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*.

Noreen Mahon and **Adela Yarcheski** are the co-authors, with Yarcheski, T.J., and Hanks, M.M., of "Relations of low frustration tolerance beliefs with stress, depression and anxiety in young adolescents," published by *Psychological Reports*.

The Northern New Jersey Black Nurses Association presented its nurse researcher award to **Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins** during its 15th Annual Fall Awards and Scholarship Brunch, Nov. 18 at the Newark Marriott Hotel.

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association's 37th Annual Spring Conference Committee has selected **Deborah Walker McCall** as an innovative best practice presenter. She presented her workshop, "Success Strategies for EOF Students Seeking to Obtain a Nursing Education," during the association's spring conference in Atlantic City, March 18-21.

Professor Emerita **Beverly Whipple's** new book, co-authored with **Barry Komisaruk**, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, psychology, *The Science of Orgasm*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press, is going to a second printing after its release in Oct. 2006. The book is the first to explore the complex biological process behind orgasm. The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality awarded its Kinsey Award to Whipple during its annual meeting in Las

Vegas on Nov. 11 for her contributions to sexuality research and sexual health.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Acting Dean **Rosa Oppenheim** is a contributor to the recently published book, *Business School Leadership Strategies: Top Deans on Creating a Strategic Vision, Planning for the Future, and Developing Leadership in Education*, published by Aspatore Books. Her chapter is entitled "Maintaining the Momentum: The Experience of an Interim Dean."

Jonathan Eckstein, management science & information systems, won the 2006 "COIN-OR INFORMS Cup" at the 2006 INFORMS Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. The award recognizes an effective use of Computational INfrastructure for Operations Research (COIN-OR), a project to create open-source software for the field of operations research, or valuable contribution to COIN-OR. Professor Eckstein shares the cup jointly with Cynthia A. Phillips and William E. Hart of Sandia National Laboratories.

Lei Lei, management science & information systems, has had seven refereed journal papers accepted or published since March 2006, five of which were co-authored with RBS-Newark and New Brunswick Ph.D. students. The articles are "On the Container Vessel Scheduling Problem with Conflict Objectives" (E. Boros, L. Lei, Y. Zhao and H. Zhong), *Annals of Operations Research*; "On the Multi-Product Packing-Delivery Problem with a Fixed Route" (S.Liu, L. Lei and S. Park), *Transportation Research*; "The Integrated Production and Transportation Scheduling Problem With a Short Lifespan Product and Non-Instantaneous Transportation Time" (N. Geismar, G. Laporte, L. Lei and C. Sriskandarajah), *INFORMS Journal on Computing*; "On the Integrated Production, Inventory and Distribution Routing Problem" (L. Lei, S. Liu, A. Ruszczyński and S. Park), *IIE Transactions*; "Minimizing the Cycle Time of Multiple-Product Processing Networks With a Fixed Operation Sequence, Setups and Time-Window Constraints" (V. Kats, L. Lei, and E. Levner), *European Journal of Operational Research*; "Container Vessel Scheduling with Bi-directional Flows (Z. Chen, L. Lei and H. Zhong), *Operations Research Letters*; "Optimal Business Policies for a Supplier-Transporter-Buyer Channel With a Price-Sensitive Demand" (L. Lei, Q.

Wang and X. Fan), *Journal of the Operational Research Society*; and "Collaborative vs. Non-Collaborative Container-Vessel Scheduling" (L. Lei, C.X. Fan, C.X., M. Boile and S. Theofanis), *Transportation Research*.

Yaw M. Mensah, acting associate dean for faculty and research, and **Rong Yang**, a Ph.D. advisee of Mensah, received the 2006 MBAA International McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award at the North American Accounting Society Meeting in Chicago.

dt ogilvie, management & global business, and Ph.D. student **Dorothy Kirkman** presented their paper, "Penrose and the Knowledge-Based View: Reflections of Managerial Knowledge-Based Practices," at the 26th Strategic Management Society Annual International Conference, the leading conference for the strategy field. Also, ogilvie's book chapter "Assessing the External Environment: An Enrichment of the Archival Tradition," (with CC Miller and WH Glick) was recently published by Elsevier in *Research Methodology in Strategy and Management* (David J. Ketchen and Donald D. Bergh, editors).

Michael H. Rothkopf, management science & information systems, has won two Bright Ideas Awards. Presented by the New Jersey Policy Research Organization Foundation, the public policy research affiliate of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA), along with New Jersey Business magazine and the Stillman School of Business, the awards honor scholarship and teaching ideas in all fields of business by faculty members within New Jersey. Professor Rothkopf was awarded the Bright Ideas Award in the category of Decision Sciences, for his scholarship on "Efficient market-clearing prices in markets with nonconvexities," as well as in the category of Dutch auctions, for his "Slow Dutch auctions."

A paper by **Jaideep Vaidya** and **Vijay Atluri**, management science & information systems, with Ph.D. student **Janice Werner** was accepted for presentation at the 2006 ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security, the premier international conference on information security. Theirs was one of only 38 papers accepted out of 256 submitted.

School of Law

Dean Stuart L. Deutsch was one of the invited honorees at the Dec. 12 92nd annual New York County Lawyers Association dinner. "Honoring Law Schools" was the dinner theme.

Esther Canty-Barnes was appointed to the CVS All Kids Can Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is a group of national educators and disability experts who will help guide the CVS program to support children with disabilities.

David Condliffe, assistant dean for development, is chair-elect of the AALS Institutional Advancement Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

"Latino Inter-Ethnic Employment Discrimination and the 'Diversity' Defense" by **Tanya Hernandez** will be published in the spring 2007 issue of the *Harvard Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review*.

"A New IDEA for Improving Education of Children with Disabilities in Foster Care: Applying Social Work Principles to the Problem Definition Process," written by **Jennifer Rosen Valverde**, was published in the fall 2006 issue of the *Children's Legal Rights Journal*.

School of Public Affairs and Administration

Dean **Marc Holzer** is co-author, with Leila Sadeghi and Richard Schwester, of the book chapter "State Shared Services and Regional Consolidation Effort," in *The Books of the States, 2007*, published by the Council of State Governments. Holzer is also the co-author of "E-Governance in Latin American Cities: An Assessment of Selected City Web Sites," published in *Latin American Online: Cases, Successes and Pitfalls*, Mila Gasco-Hernandez (ed.) (Idea Group). "International Perspectives on Performance Measurement," a chapter by Marc Holzer & Daniel Bromberg, was published in *The Municipal Yearbook, 2007*. (International City Management Association.) "Digital Governance Worldwide: A Longitudinal Assessment of Municipal Web Sites," co-authored by Marc Holzer, Tony Carrizales, Seang-Tae Kim and Chan-Gon Kim, was published in the *International Journal of Electronic Government Research*.

Evan Stark is the author of *Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life*, published by Oxford

University Press. Stark also authored two chapters published in March, "Expert Testimony on Woman Battering and its Effects," in DW Springer & A. Roberts, eds., *Handbook of Forensic Mental Health With Victims and Offenders: Assessment, Treatment and Research* (Springer, 2007) and "Coercive Control," in Nikcy Ali Jackson, ed., *Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence* (Routledge, 2007). Stark recently delivered the keynote, "Re-presenting Battered Women," at a recent conference at Fordham University School of Law on "Turning the Tides: Strategies for Defending Victims of Domestic Violence. "

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Office of the Provost

Provost Steven Diner was interviewed for *Forbes* on Jan. 29 in an article about a proposed UMDNJ, NJIT and Rutgers merger, and was also interviewed by *The Star-Ledger* on Jan. 27 in an article discussing the same subject. He was quoted in an article in *NJBIZ* on Feb. 2 regarding Rutgers being one of the country's top-research institutions.

Gene A. Vincenti, executive vice-provost, was quoted in the *New York Times* on Jan. 5 regarding the Martin Luther King Boulevard renovations in Newark and the city's transition into a college town.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Annette Gordon-Reed, history, was featured in interviews on the documentary program "The Supreme Court," shown on PBS stations in January and February. Gordon-Reed, is featured in "The Invisible Woman," a story about Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, on the *Inside Higher Ed* web site, www.insidehighered.com/views/2007/02/21/mclemeec

On Nov. 20, **Max Herman**, sociology, was quoted in *USA Today* discussing the upcoming New Jersey Historical Society's exhibit documenting the Newark riots from 1967. Herman was also featured in the cable television program "Carpe Diem: Newark, 40 Years Later," which aired the week of Jan. 29, on Cablevision, Comcast and other cable stations.

Elizabeth Hull, political science, was the author of a Nov. 12 opinion column published by *The Record* (Bergen County) that discussed the influence of independent voters in recent elections.

Jack Lynch, English, was quoted in the *New York Times* article (Mar. 10) "On Wearing Our Salaries On Our Sleeves."

Barry Komisaruk, psychology, and College of Nursing professor emerita **Beverly Whipple**, College of Nursing, were subjects of a Jan. 17 article in the British *Independent* for their research into orgasm in women who suffer from spinal cord injuries.

Clement A. Price, history, was quoted in a Nov. 28 article in *The New York Times* about Newark's Symphony Hall. *The Star Ledger* (Nov. 8) quoted him on a recent decision by the U.S. Postal Service in North and Central Jersey to discontinue the Newark postmark. *Newsday* (Nov. 5) interviewed Price on the renovation of the Ahavas Sholom synagogue in Newark. He was also quoted in *HellenicNews.com* (Nov. 1) discussing the new book "Remembering Newark's Greeks: An American Odyssey." *USA Today* (Nov. 20) included Price's comments discussing the Newark riots of '67. Price also was quoted in articles in the *Star Ledger* about population and racial changes in New Jersey (Dec. 24) and about the Marion Thompson Wright Lecture (Feb. 18.)

Said Samatar, history, has been active in the international media, with quotes over the several m on CNN, Democracy Now (radio and TV), BBC TV World, and VOA America.

Beryl Satter, history, has been quoted in a *Newsweek* cover story Mar. 5 about the popular new self-help book, *The Secret*. Satter was also quoted in the *Chicago Tribune*, "Unlocking the Mind's Power" (Feb. 16.)

On Nov. 15, the *Courier News* included comments by **Mara Sidney**, political science, in an article discussing the increasing minority population in Central New Jersey.

Judith Weis, biological sciences, wrote a commentary for the *Asbury Park Press* on Feb. 9, titled "Report tightens link between humans and global warming." She also wrote an opinion piece for *The Record*, titled "New Jersey's latest poison du jour," on Feb. 19.

The Star-Ledger (Nov. 19) included an article written by **Junius W. Williams**, urban education, on the Urban Schools Scholarship Act that aims to provide financial help to low-income students wishing to attend private schools.

School of Law

Dean Stuart L. Deutsch was co-author with the deans of New Jersey's two other law school deans of an opinion piece entitled "Attacks on the judiciary strike at the rule of law" that was published in the Dec. 14 *Star-Ledger*. The Jan. 18 *New Jersey Law Journal* noted that he was one of the signatories to a letter from law professors and deans criticizing the U.S. Defense Department lawyer who suggested that corporations not use law firms that represent Guantanamo Bay detainees.

The Rutgers National Lawyers Guild was mentioned in the New York City *Independent Media Center* on Jan. 21, and on Jan. 28 was cited in the *Workers World* for its contribution for the People's Peace Conference.

Media coverage of Professor **Frank Askin's** oral argument before the New Jersey Supreme Court in *Committee for a Better Twin Rivers v. Twin Rivers Homeowners Association*, the Constitutional Litigation Clinic's lawsuit challenging free speech limitations on the residents of homeowner associations, included National Public Radio, the Associated Press, *Star-Ledger*, *Record*, and *Asbury Park Press*. The Jan. 3 *Record* carried an opinion piece by Askin entitled "Key free speech case hinges on New Jersey ruling." "Barred From the Ballot Box," his op-ed by on felon disenfranchisement, was published by the Feb. 26 *Legal Times*. The Jan. 12 *New York Times* quoted Askin on the issue of whether New Jersey clergy members are required to perform civil unions for same-sex couples; the Jan. 24 *New Jersey Law Journal* on the state Supreme Court's upholding of a law requiring DNA samples of criminal convicts; the Feb. 11 *Star-Ledger* on the temporary removal of two controversial paintings from display in the county government building in Morristown; and the Feb. 18 *Star-Ledger* on the legality of some practices by Parsippany in its enforcement of building codes for rental properties.

Bernard Bell was quoted by *New Jersey Lawyer* for a Jan. 15 article on recent curriculum changes announced by Harvard Law and Stanford Law Schools.

Vera Bergelson and **George Thomas** were quoted in the Jan. 21 *New York Times* article "Bills Would Track Sex Offenders' Web Use."

A Dec. 10 *New York Times* article on changes in New Jersey divorce laws quoted **Jack Feinstein**.

Gary Francione was interviewed for a Nov. 30 report by *National Review Online* entitled "The Animal House Falls Apart." *National Jurist* interviewed him for its Feb. 2007 article on the growing interest in animal law.

Anna Gelpern was quoted in "'Vulture funds' circle but debtors stay a moving target," a Feb. 18 *Financial Times* article about companies that buy the defaulted debt of poor countries and then seek full repayment.

Tanya Hernandez wrote "Roots of Latino/black anger: Longtime prejudices, not economic rivalry, fuel tensions," an opinion piece published in the Jan. 7 *Los Angeles Times*. The article generated interest among other media, including CNN, blackpolicy.org, KABC in Los Angeles, and WVON in Chicago.

Julia Huff was quoted in an article in the *Asbury Park Press* Dec. 8 about a speech made in the Center for Law and Justice by actor Alec Baldwin. She was also quoted in *The Record* on Feb. 5 in an article discussing tax breaks for a polluting company. The March 1 issue of Toronto's *Globe and Mail* and the Dec. 17 *Star-Ledger* included comments by **John Kettle** about trademark issues raised by Weblo.com, on which visitors buy and sell virtual property in a fantasy world.

The *Star-Ledger's* Feb. 11 article about the federal subpoena requesting New Jersey Legislature documents related to the budget included a comment by **John Leubsdorf**.

Brenda Liss wrote an opinion piece for *The Record* on Dec. 10 titled "Integration Could Get Harder" about racial problems in New Jersey.

The *Star-Ledger* covered the Dec. 4 information session held by the Child Advocacy Clinic at the Bonnie Brae residential treatment facility in Bernards Township to distribute the clinic's new brochure for foster youth, "Aging Out, Don't Miss Out." The

article quoted **Randi Mandelbaum**, director of the clinic.

John Payne commented for a Feb. 24 *Record* article concerning the delay by the Teaneck planning board of a new master plan. He was interviewed Dec. 8 by NJN on the topic of affordable housing and zoning policies.

The *Star-Ledger* talked to **Louis Raveson** for its Feb. 13 story on the use of a "shadow jury" in the Vioxx trial taking place in Atlantic City. Newhouse News Service picked up the story.

Comments by **Stephanie Richman** were included in a Feb. 4 *Record* report on law firm hiring trends.

Numerous media, including the *New York Times*, the *Star-Ledger*, *Record*, and *Asbury Park Press*, have recently reported on activities by the Environmental Law Clinic and quoted clinic faculty **Carter Strickland**, **Julia Huff**, and **Richard Webster**. Clinic clients include a coalition opposing the relicensing of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant, environmental organizations seeking to have Toms River listed as a Category I waterway, neighbors concerned about emissions from a paper plant, and community groups seeking relief from Newark Airport noise. A Dec. 3 *New York Times* article on proposed regulations that would increase public access to beaches included a comment by Strickland.

The Associated Press talked to **George Thomas** for a Feb. 7 story on the length of time that has passed since a criminal complaint on gambling charges was brought against former professional hockey coach Rick Tocchet.

Paul Tractenberg's op-ed, "Don't Use Audits to Indict the State-Run School Districts," was published in the Feb. 8 *Star-Ledger*. Tractenberg was the sole guest on a Dec. 5 program on Wisconsin Public Radio about the previous day's oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court regarding challenges to voluntary school desegregation programs. His comments on school aid funding and public education costs were included in a Jan. 23 *Star-Ledger* report. The Jan. 25 *New Jersey Law Journal* published his letter about its editorial "Promoting Diversity on Public Schools." On Nov. 19, an article in *The Kansas City Star*, *Newsday* and *The Press of Atlantic City*, included comments by Tractenberg on a proposal to

reduce property taxes by removing special funding for some of New Jersey's "neediest" school districts.

The *New York Times* and *Star-Ledger* (Feb. 11) covered the litigation by **Penny Venetis** and the Constitutional Litigation Clinic challenging the reliability of electronic voting machines.

The Associated Press and *Asbury Park Press* interviewed **Mark Weiner** for Feb. 4 reports about the law covering the collection of sales tax for cigarettes sold over the Internet. *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* ran a two-page profile of Weiner in its Dec. 4 issue.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Acting Dean Rosa Oppenheim was quoted in *The Record's* Forecast '07 on Feb. 14, in an article on the creation of new college courses to meet changing business technologies.

On March 5, *The Star Ledger* reported on the Nonprofit Leadership Index 2007, the inaugural survey conducted by the **Center for Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leadership** at Rutgers Business School.

The **MBA Interfunctional Team Consulting Program** will conduct market analyses and surveys for the products potentially emerging from a new initiative between Rutgers Biomaterials and the National Science Foundation, reported in *MedicalNewsToday.com*, February 27

Raymond Bramucci was interviewed in *The Star Ledger* on Jan. 18 upon assuming the position of director of the Prudential Business Ethics Center.

In the Nov. 2006 issue of *The Scientist*, **Nancy DiTomaso**, organization management, was quoted in an article discussing the real meaning of diversity and how it relates to a corporate setting.

Mahmud Hassan, finance and economics, talked to *BusinessWeek.com* about how RBS is providing the pharmaceutical industry with strong leadership, Feb. 8.

Brenda Hopper, New Jersey Small Business Development Center, was interviewed by *NJBIZ* on

Jan. 15, where she discussed the future of small businesses in New Jersey and their importance. She was also interviewed by *Small Business Report* about the same topic, in the January edition of the magazine.

Donald McCabe was quoted in various publications this past Nov. concerning ethics and academic dishonesty within higher education institutions. The articles were published by *Business Report*, *Central Michigan LIFE*, and *Bloomberg.com*. He was also quoted in Canada's *Financial Post*. Feb. 8.

S. Abraham Ravid, finance and economics, has research findings revealing that having an Academy Award winner in a movie does not necessarily bring in higher box office revenues, reported on *CNN Money*, Feb. 21.

Alexander Sannella was quoted in *NJBIZ* on Feb. 26 concerning the limited number of graduate accounting students in New Jersey.

Michael Santoro was quoted in *NJBIZ* regarding a new ethical policy of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations on Jan. 15.

College of Nursing

Dean Felissa Lashley was one of the panelists in two *Caucus New Jersey* shows on the avian flu. Dean Lashley participated in the "Avian Flu-Myths and Realities" and "Are We Prepared?" programs scheduled for broadcast Mar. 24 and 31. Dean Lashley was interviewed by *Hoboken Reporter* in a Nov. 12 article discussing the partnership between Hoboken University Medical Center, Rutgers College of Nursing, and Rutgers Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. She was also quoted in the *Sunday Star-Ledger* (Feb. 25) in an article on preparing students for a career in health care.

The *Record* (Feb. 11) published an article on the nursing faculty shortage that quoted Lashley, **Geri Dickson** and **Robert Scoloveno**.

The *Star-Ledger* (Nov. 28) reported on the Helene Fuld Trust awarding a \$550,000 endowment scholarship grant to the College of Nursing for students seeking a baccalaureate degree.

An Associated Press profile article on **Beverly Whipple** was published recently in *The Home News Tribune*, *New York Newsday web site*, *USA Today web site*, *Fox News.com*, and *CBS 3 web site*. Whipple was featured in the *Courier News* on Feb. 21 as "one of the world's 50 most influential scientists." She was also mentioned in an article published by *Medical News Today* on Dec. 19, after receiving the Kinsey award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

School of Criminal Justice

George Kelling was quoted on Dec. 24 in a brief report by *Los Angeles Channel 3 News* as a co-editor of a book about national crime, and mentioned on Dec. 31 in *The Star-Ledger* in an article discussing the overall lowering crime rate in Newark.

Michael Wagers, director of the Police Institute, was quoted in *The New York Times* in an article published on Dec. 18 about Newark homicides. He was also quoted in *The Star-Ledger* on Jan. 3 in an article about the same subject.

School of Public Affairs and Administration

The Herald News (Nov. 22.) included comments from **Dean Marc Holzer** on legislators' recent proposals to lower property taxes.

NJ Biz (Nov. 13) interviewed **Dennis Gale** regarding Mayor Cory Booker's plans to revitalize Newark's economy.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Gyorgy Buzsaki and **David Robbe** were the subject of various articles throughout the month of November, discussing their research on why marijuana may affect memory. The articles were published by *LiveScience*, *Monsters and Critics.com*, *SawfNews.com*, *WebMD.com*, *CBS News*, *New Scientist*, *ScientificAmerican.com*, *Fox News*, and the *Inquirer*. Their research findings were published in the December issue of *Nature Neuroscience*.

Paula Tallal was interviewed in *Scientific Learning* on Dec. 8 about her research into the connection between timing and studying.

John Cotton Dana Library

Edward Berger was profiled in an article by *Time Off* on Dec. 13 about his first exhibition in Dana Library, called "Just a Mood."

Dan Morgenstern was dubbed "the head of traffic controller of jazz history" in a profile published by *The New York Times* on Dec. 24. His recent Grammy award for liner notes of a Fats Waller album was reported in the *Star-Ledger* Feb. 11.

4. upcoming events & conferences

Culture Of Celebrity in 19th Century Europe Topic of April 12-14 Conference

The culture of celebrity. Exploiting the media. Charisma and how to use it. These are well-known 21st Century phenomena, as anyone who watches television, reads blogs or scans the supermarket tabloids can attest. But the power of celebrity started long before the advent of electronic media and tabloids; in fact its roots go back to the Old World. An **April 12-14** conference that begins April 12 at Rutgers-Newark, then moves to New York University, will explore "Constructing Charisma: Fame, Celebrity and Power in 19th Century Europe." The conference begins with a keynote lecture in John Cotton Dana Library by Leo Braudy, a distinguished scholar of 17th- and 18th century English literature, film history, American culture and the history of fame. He is a university professor, University of Southern California. The April 12 lecture at Rutgers-Newark will be held on the fourth floor of the Dana Library, 185 University Ave., 5:30 to 7 p.m., and will be followed by a reception in the Paul Robeson Gallery. The conference is jointly hosted by the Federated Department of History at Rutgers – Newark/ New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Institute of French Studies of NYU, with support from the Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers-Newark.

The second and third days of the conference will be at La Maison Française, NYU. Topics include how 19th century European celebrities transformed their personal standing into social and political power; how established leaders—kings, presidents, clergymen—had to operate within the new culture of celebrity by developing "charisma;" and how

charisma was enacted through institutional means (media, advertising, spectacles), material culture and the participation of fans.

Rutgers-Newark Earth Day Events Scheduled for April 19, 20

Rutgers-Newark's earth day activities this year will be on **April 19 and 20**, and will include planting of sustainable garden on campus, and assisting with spring planting and clean up at the Greater Newark Conservancy's Urban Environmental and Education Center. 100 Volunteers are needed; sign ups are at www.newark.rutgers.edu/earthday.



Campus Wide Open House April 21 and Rutgers Week at Gateway, Week of April 9

R-N's annual campus wide open house will be held on **April 21st** offering tours and information for prospective students and their families. For more information please visit <http://admissions.rutgers.edu/110105.asp> or contact Carrie Livingston in the Office of Admission, clivingston@ugadm.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Week at Gateway, to take place the week of **April 9**, will feature staffed information tables at Gateway 1 Retail Concourse, 8 am – 6 pm in downtown Newark. www.newark.rutgers.edu/gateway.

Upcoming Law School Events

"Preventing Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity: Diverse Perspectives on a Standing, Rapid-Reaction UN Emergency Peace Service" will be held at the law school on **March 29**, 9:30 am to 5 pm. Sponsors include the law school's Global Legal Studies program and International Law Society.

The Minority Student Program 39th Anniversary Banquet will be held from 6 – 10 pm on **April 12** at the Newark Museum. Honorees will be Lora L. Fong '91 and Associate Professor Charles "Chuck" Jones.

Former Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court Deborah T. Poritz will deliver the 25th Annual Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture on **April 18** at 6 pm in the Baker Trial Courtroom. Her topic is "The New Jersey Supreme Court: A Leadership Court in

Civil Rights.” The Alumni Association will host the Alumni Judges Dinner in the Herbert Ellend Atrium immediately following the lecture.

Friends of the Rutgers Law Library will host a presentation entitled “Germany and the European Union in 2007” by Dr. Hans-Jurgen Heimsoeth, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York, on **April 19** from 6 – 8 pm in the Baker Trial Courtroom.

A one-day conference on “The Promise of *In re Gault*: Promoting and Protecting the Right to Counsel in Juvenile Court” will be held at the law school on **April 20**. The keynote presentation will be given by Norman Dorsen, Frederick I. and Grace A. Stokes Professor of Law and counselor to the president of New York University, former president of the ACLU, and counsel for Gerald Gault in the U.S. Supreme Court. The conference is co-sponsored by the *Rutgers Law Review*, the law school’s Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program, the National Juvenile Defender Center, and the Northeast Juvenile Defender Center.

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

5. student & alumni news

R-N Students Participate in Habitat for Humanity’s “Collegiate Challenge” in New Orleans

Over 100 students from Rutgers- Newark traveled to New Orleans over spring break to participate in Habitat for Humanity’s “Collegiate Challenge.” The students helped with building homes for families affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Students from five R-N schools participated: College of Nursing, College of Arts and Sciences, University College, School of Criminal Justice, School of Law and Rutgers Business School. The group was organized and supported by the Office of the Provost, Office of Housing and Residence Life, and Office of Student Life and Leadership.

School of Law-Newark

Two Students Win Equal Justice Works Fellowships for Projects with Foster Youth

Emily K. Berger '07 and Alice Rosenthal '07 have each been awarded an Equal Justice Works

Fellowship for proposing sustainable, community-based projects designed to help adolescents successfully transition from foster care. Their projects combine legal representation, advocacy, and community education efforts to address the needs of youth who have aged out or are about to age out of the foster care system.

The EJW Fellowship program, the nation’s largest postgraduate legal fellowship program, places new lawyers from law schools across the country in two-year assignments at public interest organizations. Starting next September, Berger will implement her project as a Fellow at the Alliance for Children’s Rights in Los Angeles and Rosenthal as a Fellow at Advocates for Children of New York.

Law Student Wins Grammy Foundation Contest With Essay on Music Copyright Lawsuit

Lyle Preslar, a third-year law student and a former music industry executive, is one of five winners of the national Grammy Foundation Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The contest, co-sponsored by the American Bar Association, invites law students from across the country to research, analyze, and submit essays regarding important legal issues facing the industry. Preslar’s winning essay concerns the copyright infringement lawsuit filed by the Recording Industry Association of America against XM Satellite Radio.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Writing Center tutors Kevin Catalano, Michael Elam, Kimberly Macellaro and Randy Nichols presented their paper “Symphonic Learning: The Writing Center’s Soundscape” at the Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in February.

Two R-N students have won finalist awards in the 27th Annual Student Photography Contest sponsored by *Photographer’s Forum Magazine*. Images by Elba Giron and Karran Sahadeo will appear in the June 07 *Best of College Photography Annual*.

College of Nursing

The Northern New Jersey Black Nurses Association awarded a scholarship to **Shirley B. McKinney**, a nursing sophomore, during its recent 15th Annual Fall Awards and Scholarship Brunch.

Student and Alumni newsmakers

Jackeline Biddle, School of Law alumna, was profiled in the *Asbury Park Press* in a Dec. 4 story about her political life.

College of Arts and Sciences winning **Fed Challenge Team** was featured in articles in *The Star Ledger* (last year's dates), and *La Voz* (Jan. 11). The City of Newark's resolution honoring the team was the subject of stories in *The Star Ledger* Feb. 28 and other local media.

Laquan Jones, NCAS freshman, was mentioned in *The Star-Ledger* on Jan. 31 for writing a college essay for Rutgers about having a female boxer as his role model.

NCAS alumna **Paula Madrid** was profiled in *The Record* on Dec. 14. Dr. Madrid was interviewed about her work with children who experienced trauma in the aftermath of 9/11.

Ryan Silver, NCAS student, was mentioned in *The Star-Ledger* on Dec. 29 in an article discussing art and self-portraits.

Marek Sulzynski, a first year M.P.A. student, had her Letter to the Editor entitled "Trade strategy must balance public and private interests" published in the *Christian Science Monitor*, Nov. 30.

Law School alumna **Jennifer Velez** was profiled by *The Record* on Feb. 28 about her new position as the New Jersey Human Services Commissioner.

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