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Alex Hinton, associate professor of anthropology, discusses the upcoming Cambodian war crimes tribunals with R-N graduate students Meng-Try Ea and Vannak Huy in the new archives.

## A NEW SITE TO HARVEST KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE 'KILLING FIELDS'

BY MIKE SUTTON

A new agreement between Rutgers-Newark and a Cambodian human rights organization has made Rutgers-Newark one of only two universities in America to serve as U.S. repositories for the world's most comprehensive archive on the Khmer Rouge regime – and its four-year reign of terror and genocide in Cambodia.

The agreement between the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-CAM) and Rutgers-Newark places an invaluable archive of primary Khmer Rouge documents in digital and microfiche form at the fingertips of scholars and investigators throughout the Western Hemisphere: papers, photographs, films and other materials that provide a record of the Khmer Rouge-orchestrated genocide from 1975-1979 that

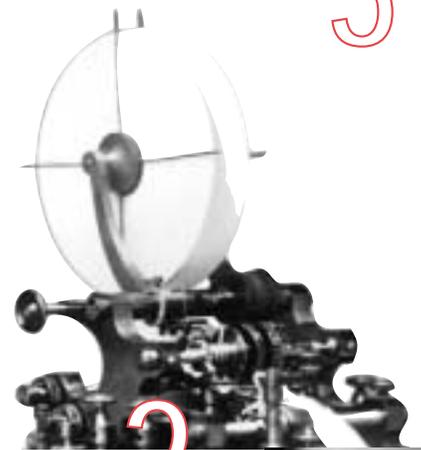
claimed almost a quarter of Cambodia's 8 million people.

The partnership between Rutgers-Newark and DC-CAM marks both the 30th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge's rise to power and Cambodia's current preparations for war crimes tribunals to punish those responsible for Cambodia's infamous "killing fields." "In hosting this important human-rights project, Rutgers-Newark is reinforcing its role as a major center of global scholarship and international public policy development," noted Rutgers-Newark Provost Steven Diner.

Rutgers-Newark anthropology professor Alexander Hinton, author of *Why Did* ...continued on page 6



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# RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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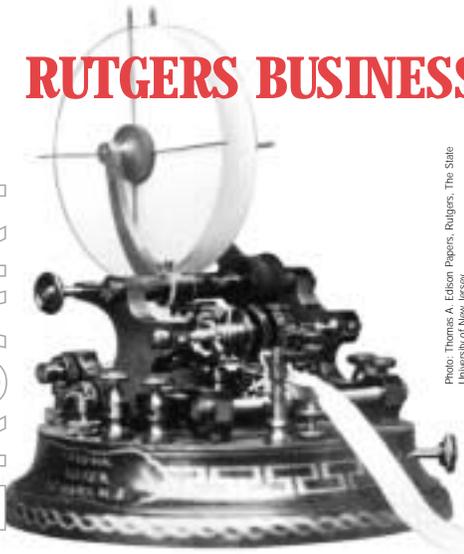


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BY DAVE MUHA AND MIKE SUTTON

New Jersey Law School, the precursor to RBS initially offered a B.S. degree in business administration and a certificate in secretarial studies.

In 1946, after facing challenging times in terms of drawing students during the Depression and World War II, what had come to be called the School of Business Administration joined the rest of the University of Newark in becoming part of Rutgers University. The RBS MBA program was established in 1950, followed closely by the MBA in Professional Accounting program in 1954.

And 75 years later, as RBS programs continue to be acknowledged as some of the best in the country, the business school that started in a refurbished Ballantine Beer brewery in Newark has established international programs in China and is looking to expand to Europe, draws faculty from around the world, and is well-established as a global player in business education and as a state leader in developing Newark and other metropolitan areas closer to home, observes RBS Dean Howard Tuckman.

“New Jersey’s industries rely upon the expertise the business schools can provide,” notes Rutgers-Newark Provost Steven Diner. “The state also has a tremendous need for small business development. RBS is a critical entity for New Jersey.”

## RBS LAUDED GLOBALLY FOR ITS MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES

Rutgers Business School’s (RBS) burgeoning growth and stellar accomplishments continue to point to the institution’s tremendous potential. RBS is one of the top five business schools globally in the area of Management of Technology (MOT), according to a new study published in *The Journal of Product Innovation Management*. The Technology Management Research Center at RBS focuses on the development and implementation of new technology, and offers ongoing development programs with RBS’s MBA and Ph.D. programs. A total of 120 schools worldwide were ranked in the study.

Let’s face it – the timing wasn’t auspicious. The institution that would grow to become Rutgers Business School – Newark and New Brunswick over the next 75 years first opened its doors to students at the dawn of the Great Depression. But time has proven the founders of what is now Rutgers Business School (RBS) had been right: The school celebrated its 75th anniversary with a “Dean’s Gala” April 27 and with the recent publication of *RBS at 75*, a history of the school also available at [www.newark.rutgers.edu/history](http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/history).

Established in Newark and envisioned initially as a prelegal program for the

## FROM SOARING WINGS TO SOARING VOCALS

A dozen members of Rutgers-Newark’s faculty shared their current research with colleagues, R-N staff, students and the public when they assembled at the University Club in the Paul Robeson Campus Center April 19 to participate in Provost’s Research Day. The speakers and topics listed below illustrate the diversity of the scholarly investigations presented at the annual event:

Jonathan Adams, Dept. of Biological Sciences  
*“Butterfly Coloration Patterns: Are Tropical Insects Really More Colorful?”*

Jason Barr, Dept. of Economics  
*“Charter School Performance in Newark”*

Philip Cerny, Dept. of Political Science and Center for Global Change and Governance (CGCG)  
*“Multi-Nodal Politics: Globalization as a Political Process”*

Rafaella De Rosa, Dept. of Philosophy  
*“Is the Mind Endowed?”*

John Howland, Dept. of Visual & Performing Arts  
*“Glorified Jazz”*

Jyl Josephson, Dept. of Political Science and Women’s Studies Programs  
*“Marriage and Citizenship: Advocates of Same-Sex Marriage and the Feminist Critique of Marriage”*

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### Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program Ranked Fourth in Nation

The Ph.D. program in criminology offered at the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice (SCJ) has been ranked fourth in the nation in the Spring 2005 issue of "Best Graduate Schools" by *U.S. News & World Report*. This is a first time ranking for *U.S. News* in this category, and a validation of the highly regarded program at Rutgers-Newark.

"It's an honor for our program to be ranked in the top four and ahead of so many other outstanding schools of criminal justice," noted SCJ Dean Leslie Kennedy. "This is a testament to our world-renowned faculty, the strength of our academic programs and our high-achieving students. Our program continues to set the standard for doctoral training and our graduating students are highly sought after by universities recruiting new faculty."

### From Campus to Kilts

The Rutgers University Chorus will be making friends, as well as sweet music, when it tours Scotland in May. The chorus will use its performances to



Photo: John Floreen

The Rutgers University Chorus-Newark Campus takes in the sights during a previous tour in the U.K.

build bridges between its host country and the United States, explains conductor John Floreen, professor of visual and performing arts at Rutgers-Newark.

The Rutgers University Chorus-Newark Campus will leave May 19 for its fifth European concert tour, giving a series of six performances before returning home May 28. The chorus will sing American folk music and spirituals along with Scottish folk music and European classical choral music.

Visits to local museums and historical attractions – as well as opportunities to socialize with local residents – will round out the visit.

### Lashley Feted for Combating AIDS

College of Nursing Dean Felissa Lashley was honored with the Woman of Excellence award by the New Jersey Women and AIDS Network at the organization's annual Spring into Action luncheon March 12. Lashley was recognized for her ongoing contribution to women's health issues, including:

- a national study of hospital policies related to AIDS;
- an examination of foster care for children with HIV/AIDS;
- delving into repercussions surrounding the disclosure of and HIV diagnosis;
- and her extensive involvement in grant writing and review, which has

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## R-N CALENDAR

MAY 2

### Spring Choral Concert

The Rutgers University Chorus-Newark offers a musical accompaniment to returning the sunbeams and flowers.

LOCATION: Bradley Hall, 110 Warren Street, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. ADMISSION: Free. INFO: John Floreen, 973/353-5119 ext. 28, jfloreen@earthlink.net.

MAY 5

Opening Reception for "Billie Holiday's Gardenia and Other Woodcuts and Prints by Penny Dell." The exhibition is inspired by some the artifacts and other memorabilia in the collections of the



Photo: Courtesy of Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies

The gardenia that singer Billie Holiday often wore in her hair inspired a woodcut by Penny Dell.

Institute of Jazz Studies, also located at John Cotton Dana Library. The exhibition runs from May 5 through July 29. LOCATION: John Cotton Dana Library, Dana Room (4th floor), 185 University Avenue, 5-8 pm.

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ADMISSION: Free. Please RSVP for opening to Janet Maisonave at 973/353-5222, maisonave@andromeda.rutgers.edu. INFO: Lynn Mullins, 973/353-5222.

MAY 11

### Celebration of Recently Published Faculty Authors

Rutgers-Newark professors are on hand in a casual setting to discuss their works. The exhibition runs from May 11 through June 11. LOCATION: John Cotton Dana Library, Dana Room (4th floor), 185 University Avenue, 2:30-4 p.m. ADMISSION: Free.

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netted several million dollars in external research funding.

"I am honored to receive this award from this distinguished organization," Lashley commented. "Being nominated by my colleagues means a lot to me."

## PUMPING IRON IN BRICK CITY



President Richard McCormick, Provost Steven Diner and R-N Director of Athletics Mark Griffin joined students and R-N officials for the Feb. 10 reopening of the newly refurbished 7,000-square-foot Golden Dome Fitness Center, which holds 15 treadmills, six StairMasters, four rowing machines and more than 10,000 pounds of free weights, among other things. The Center is the latest step in Rutgers-Newark's transformation into a "24/7 campus" with expanded facilities available for students, staff and faculty. The project, spearheaded by Vice Provost Marcia Brown, Assistant Provost Gerald Massenburg and Griffin, involved exceptional teamwork by R-N facilities and athletic center staff.

## Balancing the Costs and Benefits of Imprisonment

Scholars from the fields of criminal justice and law joined forces April 14 to sponsor "The Sentencing Symposium," a 3-hour conference held at the Center for Law and Justice to bring prominent law enforcement officials and top legal minds together for a look at how effective (or ineffective) a deterrent today's sentencing protocols have become.

The symposium's keynote speaker was Marc Mauer, of the "Sentencing Project" in Washington, D.C. Miscommunication and misunderstandings have led to confusion about issues such as mandatory sentencing, said Candace McCoy, associate professor of criminal justice and one of the forum's organizers. "Often, (one group) is trying to understand what the other group is thinking about," she said.

McCoy drew an analogy between law-enforcement studies and the cost-benefit analyses of economists as they explore the advantages and disadvantages of a merger. "Studies do show advantages to incarceration, but only up to a certain

point. After a certain period of time as a prisoner," McCoy said, "people in prison become hardened to a life of crime, "and re-entering society becomes increasingly difficult."

## SOWING NEW SEEDS OF ACTIVISM



Earth Day – April 22 – was a day for action, not lip service, as students, faculty and staff rolled up their sleeves and volunteered their energies at the Greater Newark Conservancy. Grabbing shovels and rakes, they got their hands dirty while preparing the Conservancy Gardens ready for spring. Participants received Ben & Jerry's ice cream and t-shirts.

## LETTING 'TRUTH' TAKE CENTER STAGE

BY CARLA CAPIZZI

Tracey Scott Wilson (NCAS – 1989) might well have followed in the footsteps of her sister, Karen Oniche, when she earned her bachelor's degree at Rutgers-Newark.

But unlike Oniche who pursued the healing arts as a nurse, Wilson leaned toward the creative arts, wielding a pen instead of a needle, and "sewing" words to the printed page to help heal audiences in a very different way. Wilson's play *The Story*, performed last year at the prestigious Public Theatre in New York, garnered strong reviews from *The New Yorker* and *New York Times*. The piece also was awarded the National Arts Club's Kessler Prize. *The Story* is

her third play; her works have also been performed in Los Angeles, Minneapolis and other major centers.

She didn't set out to be a playwright, but, she said, two courses with R-N English professor H. Bruce Franklin opened her eyes to what she calls "the truths of the world." They fanned a spark she hadn't known was there. Wilson said she uses her words to illustrate "different points of view about racial, political and sexual issues, and the complexities of the world."

Wilson's words of advice to young aspiring artists: "I can't promise you that

Photo Courtesy of Tracey Scott Wilson



Wilson says aspiring artists should follow their dreams.

it will be easy, or that you won't starve sometimes. But I can promise you that if you don't pursue your dreams, you will never be happy."

# RUTGERS TO HOST GOVERNOR'S NEW JERSEY SCHOOL SECURITY SUMMIT

BY MICHAEL SUTTON

In the wake of a terrorist attack on a Russian elementary school in Beslan this past winter that left 172 children dead and the discovery of building plans for two New Jersey schools in Iraq, N.J. Acting Gov. Richard Codey and President Richard McCormick discovered shared concerns that launched a summit scheduled for May 3 in New Brunswick to address the issue of security in New Jersey's schools. The Rutgers Center for the Study of Public Security at the School of Criminal Justice is coordinating the effort.

This joint initiative took shape shortly after the acting governor's 2005 State of

the State address where he announced that protection of schools would be a priority of his administration. A top initiative of McCormick, Research in Service to N.J., calls for the effective application of university research to serve New Jersey citizens and institutions.

The conference, titled "Empowering School Communities through Knowledge, Partnership and Service," will bring together these leaders and others to address this serious public policy issue before an audience of school administrators and others. The keynote speaker is Gregory Thomas, director of the Program for School Preparedness and Planning, National Center for Disaster



Photo: Courtesy of Acting Governor's Office

Acting Gov. Codey worked with President McCormick to develop the summit.

Preparedness, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. N.J. Attorney General Peter Harvey will kick off the afternoon panels, featuring state law-enforcement officials in homeland security, counter-terrorism and school security audits.

# U.S. CONGRESSMAN, PROMINENT ACTIVIST AMONG DYNAMIC COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

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partnerships between Newark's established and rising leaders and local and nationally known scholars to find new ways to address some of the city's issues. Heningburg is well-known for his award-winning NBC public affairs program, *Positively Black*. His numerous other accomplishments include serving as the first CEO of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, being named commissioner of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, and chairing the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund.

knowledge of the wide spectrum of nursing disciplines and leadership positions to which she and fellow registered nurses could aspire. Wesley was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing last November and won a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Drum Major Award for Humanity in March of 2004.

Photo: Courtesy of Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience.



**NEWARK COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, May 19, 4 p.m., Norman Samuels Plaza**

Commencement speaker Gustav Heningburg, who has spent the past three decades of his life helping to revitalize Newark and the surrounding area, was most recently honored by having the Gustav Heningburg Civic Fellows program initiated by the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience. The program works to create

Photo: Courtesy of Yvonne Wesley



**COLLEGE OF NURSING, May 19, 10 a.m., Golden Dome Athletic Center**

Yvonne Wesley, vice president for community relations at Meridian Health, a clinical associate professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Nursing, and this year's commencement speaker, has long been a strong advocate of minority nurses moving into leadership positions at health care organizations. As an Minority Nurse Leadership Institute (MNLI) fellow at the Rutgers College of Nursing in Newark, she expanded her

Photo: Courtesy of PSE&G



**RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL-NEWARK AND NEW BRUNSWICK, May 20, 10 a.m., Norman Samuels Plaza**  
Ralph Izzo will bring years of corporate and

public policy experience to his address to business school graduates. President and COO of Public Service & Gas Co. since 2003, he began his career as a research scientist at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, performing simulations of fusion energy experiments. His public policy experience includes service as an American Physical Society Congressional Fellow, in the office of former N.J. Sen. Bill Bradley. Izzo also was a senior policy advisor in the Office of former N.J. Gov. Thomas Kean, specializing in energy, science and technology. Izzo holds a

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Ph.D. in applied physics from Columbia University and an MBA from Rutgers Business School.



Photo: Roy Grothring

**GRADUATE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, May 20, 3 p.m., Norman Samuels Plaza**

George Kelling, this year's speaker, is faculty-chair of the Police Institute and a professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University. His "broken windows" theory of policing was first articulated in a piece co-written with James Wilson and published in *Atlantic Monthly* in 1982. Kelling's conclusions had a nationwide impact on the practice of law enforcement. The theory posits that small signs of neighborhood disorder – such as broken windows and graffiti – create psychological conditions for more serious crimes. In naming Kelling its "Person of the Year" in 2003, *Law Enforcement News*, which is published by the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, the magazine said that "broken windows" is rightfully considered ... one of the three foremost

ground-breaking ideas in criminal justice over the past two decades."

Photo: Courtesy of Office of Hon. Robert Menendez



**RUTGERS SCHOOL OF LAW-NEWARK, May 27, 10 a.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center**

The Hon. Robert Menendez, who

represents New Jersey's 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, will address graduates at the School of Law commencement. Menendez has had a stellar rise through the ranks to become chairman of the Democratic Caucus during his decade in office, making him the third-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House and highest-ranking Hispanic ever in Congressional history. His nationally recognized leadership also earned him appointments as chairman of both the Democratic Task Force on Education and the Democratic Task Force on Homeland Security. Menendez has also served as a member of the bi-partisan Select Committee on Homeland Security. Menendez earned his JD at Rutgers School of Law-Newark.

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Guenther Knoblich, Dept. of Psychology  
*"How Pianists Recognize Their Own Style"*

Kevin Kolben, Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick  
*"India's Defeat of the Workers Rights Clause: Lessons for the Future"*

Gabriella Kütting, Dept. of Political Science and CGCG  
*"The Social and Environmental Consequences of Textiles and Fashion"*

Esther Nimchinsky, Center for Molecular and Biological Neuroscience  
*"High-Resolution Optical Studies of Neurovascular Coupling in the Living Brain"*

Judi Silvano, Dept. of Visual & Performing Arts  
*"Songs from the Great American Songbook"*

Nathan Yee, Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*"Biomining: Microbes Making Rocks"*

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*They Kill? Cambodia in the Shadow of Genocide* (University of California Press, 2005), first met Youk Chhang, director of DC-CAM, while doing research on genocide in Cambodia.

"How does genocide take place?" mused Hinton. "What makes people able to commit such atrocities?"

For Chhang, it was his own experiences – which included torture and imprisonment by the Khmer Rouge – that drove him to assemble the unparalleled archive.

"It was a personal commitment because of my personal experiences under the Khmer Rouge regime," he said. "People don't understand it – what happened with the Khmer Rouge. Failure to explain it makes me very uncomfortable.

"To me, it's not just about being a Cambodian – it's about being a human being."

For more information on the DC-CAM project, visit the organization's Web site at [www.dccam.org](http://www.dccam.org).

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