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News

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

Payne Named BOG Distinguished Service Professor



Rutgers President Richard McCormick (l) and Board of Governors Chair Gene O'Hara (r) congratulate law professor John Payne on being named a BOG Distinguished Service Professor.

John Payne, professor of law and Justice Frederick W. Hall Scholar at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, was named a Rutgers Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor Feb. 13.

“John Payne is an extraordinarily creative, thoughtful, dedicated and socially responsible teacher, lawyer and scholar,” said Dean Stuart Deutsch.

Payne was honored primarily for his pioneering work in establishing the legal basis for providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income residents both specifically in New Jersey and nationally. For more than two decades, he has been a leading attorney in a group of lawsuits that have come to be collectively known as the *Mt. Laurel* cases, which have established the requirement that growing suburban communities include

provisions for low- and moderate-income housing in their zoning regulations.

His nationally recognized *Mt. Laurel* work has led to a fundamental shift in legal thinking. Municipal governments now feel an obligation to ensure that a certain portion of new housing developments include homes for low- and moderate-income residents.

Constitutional Litigation Clinic, N.J. ACLU Chapter Sue for Voting Rights of Parolees, Probationers

The R-N Constitutional Litigation Clinic and the American Civil Liberties Union – New Jersey (ACLU-NJ) have announced that they will file a joint lawsuit to restore the right to vote of New Jersey residents who are on parole or probation. The case challenges a New Jersey statute that prevents persons in New Jersey from voting until they have completed their sentences in full, including parole and probation.

Clinic students working under the supervision of Professor Frank Askin had worked for a year putting the case together. The complaint was filed on behalf of the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), the Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey, two members of the Elizabeth City Council and 10 African-Americans and Latinos currently on parole and probation. The case alleges that the disenfranchised group of voters are denied equal protection under the state constitution because more than 60 percent of the parolees and probationers affected are members of minority groups – a percentage that is disproportionate given the make-up of the state’s population.

Environmental Law Clinic to Sue Companies Over Dumping of Toxic Dioxins in Newark Bay

The Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic announced its intention last fall to join the Natural Resources Defense Council, the NY/NJ Baykeeper and the Hackensack River Keeper in suing two companies for dumping highly toxic dioxins into Newark Bay.

The groups argue that two companies, Occidental Chemical Corporation of Dallas and Tierra Solutions of New Brunswick are responsible for cleaning up the dioxin, which had been discharged from a now-defunct plant in Newark and has made its way downstream into the bay. The dioxin is a suspected carcinogen, and environmentalists fear that fish and other sea life could transport the toxin to humans who eat them.

N.J. Justice Swears '03 Alumni into N.J. Bar Association

In what will become a new tradition, members of the class of 2003 who have completed the requirements for the New Jersey Bar Association had the attorney's oath administered by Justice Jaynee LaVecchia (NLAW '79), associate justice of the N.J. Supreme Court. The special ceremony, followed by a reception, was held at the Center for Law and Justice.

"There is no state-wide ceremony to swear in new members of the Bar," said Dean Stuart Deutsch. "Rather than have our newest alums be sworn in privately, we will now have a special swearing-in ceremony every year for the law school community to celebrate a very important day with our most recent graduates."

In Memoriam: Ruth Blumrosen

Ruth Gerber Blumrosen, who did landmark research in the field of employment discrimination with her husband and fellow Rutgers-Newark law professor Alfred Blumrosen, died Jan. 13. She had been an adjunct professor at Rutgers School of Law-Newark since 1980. Prior to that, she was a faculty member at Rutgers Business School.

Ruth Blumrosen assisted in the establishment of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, serving as acting director of compliance from 1965 to 1967. She continued to serve as a consultant after that until 1981. One of her most significant pieces of litigation was *Levitt v. New Jersey*, which established the federal constitutionality of state fair housing laws.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Lurie to Lecture at Supreme Court Historical Society in Washington, D.C.

Rutgers-Newark history professor Jonathan Lurie will speak at the U.S. Supreme Court Feb. 26 as part of the Supreme Court Historical Society's 2004 Leon Silverman Lecture Series.

Lurie will tackle the topic of "Ex-Justice Campbell and Creative Advocacy," as the prestigious series examines the overarching theme of "Advocacy and the Supreme Court" this year. The lectures will explore the role that advocates play in Supreme Court cases, as well as the way that oral arguments and advocacy have changed over the course of the Court's more-than-200-year history.

Grant to Support New Collaboration Between Rutgers-Newark and Newark Public Schools

Rutgers-Newark's Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience (IECME) has received a \$25,000 grant from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation to bring more than 120 K-12 Newark Public Schools teachers to the Rutgers-Newark campus this spring. The teachers are attending a series of professional-development seminars taught by R-N faculty.

The collaboration between the IECME and the city's public schools, which is part of a national program funded by the Wilson Foundation called "Teachers as Scholars" (TAS), is a first for any Rutgers campus. The public school teachers attending will each have the opportunity to participate in one of 10 two-day seminars on a particular topic. Seminars in the arts, humanities, social sciences, education, law and science will be offered.

Professor Clement Price, director of the IECME, said he would like to see the Teachers as Scholars program become a permanent partnership between Rutgers-Newark and the Newark Public Schools. "We hope that TAS-Newark will strengthen the bonds between the university and the Newark Public Schools, encourage Newark Public Schools teachers to engage in subject matter worthy of their curiosity, and assist Rutgers faculty in making a meaningful contribution to Newark's culture of learning."

Rutgers-Newark/NJIT Career Fair Draws Thousands of Student Job Seekers

The 11th Annual Rutgers-Newark/New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Collaborative Career Fair drew 123 employers and more than 2,000 students and alumni of the two universities in November, according to Tom Hopkins, director of R-N's Career Development Center. Despite the tight economy, 7 percent more employers participated than during the previous year; only employers that are currently hiring are permitted to attend. Attendance among job seekers shot up 23 percent from the last fair.

During the 11 years that the event has been held, R-N and NJIT have brought together more than 2,000 companies and other organizations seeking applicants to network with more than 12,000 job candidates.

Rutgers Business School – Newark and New Brunswick

Chinese MBA Program Lauded as One of Best in Country

Even half-way around the world, Rutgers Business School is earning plaudits. The *Financial Times* has cited Rutgers as one of the “Top 10 Chinese MBA and EMBA (Executive MBA) programmes.” Rutgers Business School has been operating in China on a continuous basis longer than any other American university. It currently offers the Executive MBA in both Beijing and Shanghai.

Rutgers Business School to Offer Education Component of Certified Financial Planner Requirements

Beginning in the fall 2004 semester, Rutgers Business School will be offering a new program in financial planning that fulfills the education requirement needed for Certified Financial Planner designation. The courses will include areas such as investments, insurance, retirement investment plans, taxes and estate planning. All the classes will be offered in the evening on the Newark campus.

The program will be offered as a concentration to undergraduate students majoring in finance and accounting. Those who already have a B.S. degree can participate in the business school for the necessary courses. For more information, contact Professor Michael Long at 973/353-5471.

College of Nursing

Nursing School to Sponsor International Computer Conference

The Center for Professional Development at the College of Nursing is sponsoring the 22nd Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. March 11-14. Considered the most prestigious computer conference in nursing, this year’s gathering will be built around the theme “Using Evolving Technologies to Meet Healthcare Challenges.”

Office of the Provost

U.S. Postal Stamp Honoring Paul Robeson Unveiled at Rutgers-Newark

Rutgers-Newark held a ceremony Feb. 9 to unveil a new United States Postal Service stamp honoring Rutgers’ most famous graduate, Paul Robeson. The event was co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the U.S. Postal Service.

Robeson’s son, Paul Robeson Jr., gave the keynote address at the event, held in the campus center that bears his father’s name. The federal postage stamp celebrates Robeson Sr.’s legacy and accomplishments as an outstanding scholar, athlete, international activist for civil and human rights, actor and singer.

Department of Athletics and Recreation

Wessely Named Acting Director of Athletics

Mary Wessely, former associate director of athletics at Rutgers-Newark, has been appointed acting director of athletics. She fills the vacancy left by John Adams, director of intercollegiate athletics and recreation at Rutgers-Newark 1985-2003, who passed away on Oct. 20 last year.

John Stallings, who had served as assistant athletic director and sports information director, has been named acting associate director of athletics.

“I am grateful to both Mary and John for their willingness to assume these important new duties,” said Provost Steven Diner. “I feel confident that our athletics program will be in capable hands in this interim period.”

John Cotton Dana Library

Online ‘Libraries Business Research Guide’ Praised as One of ‘Best of the Business Web’

Rutgers-Newark’s online Libraries Business Research Guide recently earned additional kudos when FIND/SVP chose the Internet resource as one of its 60 “Best of the Business Web” selections. FIND/SVP is a publicly traded company based in Manhattan that offers custom business intelligence, advisory and consulting solutions.

The Research Guide is the collective brainchild of business librarians Ka-Neng Au, Theo Haynes, Wen-Hua Ren, Roberta Tipton and Ryan Womack, with assistance from Mary Fraser and Yoshiko Ishii. It provides assistance in researching a variety of business and management topics, with descriptions of databases and hundreds of reference books in the collections of the Rutgers University Libraries. The Research Guide also includes links to more than 3,000 selected business and management-related Internet resources.

This isn’t the first time the Research Guide has earned praise as an important resource for the business world. It also has received recognition or awards from Argus Clearinghouse, the Internet Scout Project, Infomine Scholarly Internet Resource Collections and the University of Michigan School of Information’s Internet Public Library.

Faculty News

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Patricia Bender, English, has been elected president of the Friends of the Newark Public Library organization.

Gerald Frankel, biology, has received a \$50,435 grant from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) for his project "Prevention of Resistance by Selenite During Platinum Chemotherapy."

Rachel Hadas, English, had her poem "Folded Back" published in the Winter 2004 issue of *The Kenyon Review*.

Stanley Hall, chemistry, is the organizer of this year's "Chemistry as a Life Science Symposium" which will be held March 19 and typically draws about 1,000 scientists from the region's pharmaceutical industries.

Richard Mendelsohn, chemistry, has received a \$245,036 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences for "Lipid Control of Membrane Protein Organization."

Roberta Schorr, education and academic foundations, and Richard Lesh co-authored a chapter titled "A Modeling Approach to Providing Teacher Development" in *Beyond Constructivism: A Models and Modeling Perspective on Teaching, Learning and Problem-Solving in Mathematics* (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2003). Schorr also co-wrote "State testing and mathematics teaching in New Jersey: The Effects of a Test Without Other Supports" for the *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education*, along with William Firestone and Lora Monfils. Schorr's article "Motion, Speed and Other Ideas that 'Should Be Put in Books'" appeared in the *Journal of Mathematical Behavior*, and she and Karen Koellner-Clark co-wrote "Using a Modeling Approach to Consider the Ways in which Teachers Consider New Ways to Teach Mathematics" for *Mathematical Thinking and Learning: An International Journal*.

Robert Snyder, journalism, had an essay on John Steinbeck published in *American Rebels* (Nation Books, 2003).

School of Law-Newark

Frank Askin wrote an op-ed about a prominent gerrymandering case, *Vieth v. Jubelirer*, for the *New Jersey Law Journal* titled "Time for New Standard of Review for Gerrymandering Challenges."

Tom Borden has received an award from the Sierra Club for outstanding achievement for his advocacy for the protection of the environment.

Norman Cantor has written a chapter titled "Quality of Life in Legal Perspective" in the *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 3rd ed. (MacMillan Library Reference, 2003).

Laura Cohen has been appointed co-director of the Northeast Regional Juvenile Defender Center, one of eight affiliates of the American Bar Association's National Juvenile Defender Center.

Tanya Hernandez wrote a chapter titled "The Racism of Sexual Harassment" in *Directions in Sexual Harassment Law* (Yale University Press, 2004).

Barbara Hoffman testified before the President's Cancer Panel on the legal issues confronting cancer survivors. The panel advises the president on how to allocate federal healthcare funding.

Randi Mandelbaum has been elected to a three-year term on the executive committee of the Clinical Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

Associate Dean Carol Roehrenbeck was elected chair of the Section on Libraries at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) annual meeting.

"Islands in the Stream of History: An Institutional Archeology of Dual Sovereignty," written by **George Thomas**, was published in the inaugural issue of the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Mahmud Hassan, finance and economics, received a \$75,000 grant from the Rutgers Academic Excellence Fund program to create a center for Pharmaceutical Management Studies.

Brenda Hopper, Small Business Development Center, has received a \$179,181 grant from Surety Bond Associates for the NJSCC (New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation) Bonding and Working Capital Loan Program.

Lei Lei, management science and information systems, has been invited to be the general chair of MISTA (Multi-Disciplinary International Conference for Scheduling: Theory and Applications), which will be held in August 2005.

Yaw Mensah, accounting and information systems, had two papers – "Cost Efficiency and Financial Flexibility in Institutions of Higher Education" and "The Effect of Conservatism on Analysts' Annual Earnings Forecast Accuracy and Dispersion" – published in the *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.

Paul Miranti, accounting and information systems, co-authored a book with Stephen Loeb titled *The Institute of Accountants: Nineteenth-Century Origins of Accounting Professionalism in the United States* (Routledge, 2003).

Michael Rothkopf, management science and information systems, has been tapped to serve as president of the board of directors of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. He also had his article “Contingent Transmission Rights in the Standard Market Design” published in *IEEE Transactions in Power Systems*. His paper “Designing Combinational Auctions” appeared in *Management Science*. Two other pieces, “Auctions with Bidder-Determined Combinations” and “Efficient Market-Clearing Prices in Markets and Nonconvexities,” were printed in the *European Journal of Operations Research*.

An article titled “Optimization with Stochastic Dominance Constraints” by **Andrzej Ruszczyński**, management science and information systems, was published in *SIAM Journal on Optimization*. Another paper, “Frontiers of Stochastically Nondominated Portfolios,” appeared in the journal *Econometrica*.

Rutgers College of Nursing

Lucille Joel has had a new book published titled *Advanced Practice Nursing: Essentials for Role Development* (F.A. Davis, 2004).

Beverly Whipple (emeritus), who just completed her term as president of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, has been named the vice president of the World Association of Sexology. She also has been serving as a consultant to the World Health Organization as it develops its definitions of sexual health and sexual rights.

School of Criminal Justice

George Kelling has been named Man of the Year for 2003 by *Law Enforcement News*, published by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

An extensive Q&A interview with **Wayne Brown** was published in the January issue of *On Campus*, the online journal of the National Council of University Research Scientists (NCURA).

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies

Junius Williams has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Victoria Foundation Inc. for the Abbott Leadership Institute’s “Community Training for the Schools” project.

Newsmakers

Office of the Provost

Provost Steven Diner was quoted in a *New York Times* article (Nov. 30) about plans to construct new housing downtown as part of Newark’s redevelopment program. He also commented on the ceremony in which the new Paul Robeson postage stamp was unveiled on campus in the *Star-Ledger* (Feb. 10).

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

The work of **Sterling Bland**, history, was noted in a *New York Times* article (Jan. 18) about New Jersey’s role in the Civil War.

Leonard Cole, political science, was interviewed on MSNBC’s *Live with Lester Holt* (Feb. 2) and NJN News (Feb. 3) about the deadly ricin sent to U.S. Senate officials via the mail.

Comments by **Barbara Foley**, English, were included in a *Boston Globe* article (Jan. 6) about criticism of the war in Iraq among attendees at the national Modern Language Association conference.

Elena Galoppini and **Piotr Piotrowiak**, both chemistry, were featured in an NJN News science report (Dec. 5) about nanotechnology and solar energy

Rachel Hadas, English, was quoted in the English-language Greek newspaper *Kathimerini* (Feb. 12) about a poets’ summit she was attending held at Delphi, which was jointly organized by the Greek Culture Ministry and the European Cultural Center of Delphi.

Marc Holzer, public administration, had a letter to the editor about professional village managers published in *The New York Times* (Jan. 4). A joint study on digital governance conducted by Rutgers-Newark and South Korea’s Sungkyunkwan University – which Holzer helped spearhead – was covered in England’s *Guardian* newspaper, South Africa’s *Mail & Guardian* newspaper (Nov. 24), the online *PrimeZone Media Network* (Nov. 17), *The New Zealand Tribune* (Dec. 6), *American Society for Public Administration* (December 2003) and numerous other global media outlets.

Research by **Taras Hunczak**, history, on Stalin's genocidal policies was cited in a *New Haven Register* article (Dec. 18).

Jan Lewis, history, was quoted in a *U.S. News & World Report* article (Jan. 12) about the uneasy relationship between the rhetoric of the Founders and their actual slave-holding activities.

Clement Price, history, commented on the mutually beneficial relationship between cities and immigrants in a story in the *Baltimore Sun* (Nov. 20). He was also quoted in an article about the Newark Black Film Festival in the *Star-Ledger* (Dec. 21). A *Star-Ledger* article (Feb. 8) about the Quakers' role in abolitionist activity in New Jersey also included Price's observations. He commented on Newark Mayor Sharpe James' political longevity in the *Star-Ledger* (Feb. 1).

Ingrid Reed, political science, commented on Gov. James McGreevey's initiatives as state executive in an *Asbury Park Press* article (Jan. 11).

Lee Slater, earth and environmental sciences, was quoted in an article about pollution encroaching on the Kearny Marsh's "Little Everglades" region in the *Star-Ledger* (Feb. 2).

Comments by **Evan Stark**, public administration, on domestic abuse were included in a *New York Times* article (Feb. 1).

Leo Troy, economics, predicted that in the end all unions will support Sen. John Kerry in his bid for the presidency in the *Los Angeles Times* (Feb. 5).

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

Frank Askin was quoted by *The New York Times* (Nov. 20) about fallout from the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling on gay marriage. His observations were also included in *New York Times* (Jan. 7), Associated Press (Jan. 7) and *Star-Ledger* (Jan. 7) articles about the Rutgers-Newark Constitutional Litigation Clinic's role in the fight to obtain voting rights for New Jersey parolees and probationers. In an article in *TheDailyJournal.com* (Feb. 5), Askin noted that empowering grand juries rather than county prosecutors to decide when the death penalty was appropriate added a layer of protection for defendants against being executed. He also said he believed that New Jersey will eventually legally recognize Massachusetts same-sex marriages in the *New York Daily News* (Feb. 5).

Thomas Borden was quoted in articles in the *Star-Ledger* (Nov. 21) and *The (Bergen) Record* (Nov. 21) about a developer's lawsuit to block the placement of more environmental protections on a new housing development.

Frances Bouchoux noted the exceptionally diverse and talented nature of the R-N law school's class of 2003 in a *New Jersey Lawyer* article (Dec. 8).

Ronald Chen noted that government clamp-downs on civil rights after 9/11 have helped energize the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in a *New York Times* article (Feb. 1).

Claire Dickerson's comments about improper mutual-fund trading were included in stories in the *Seattle Times* (Dec. 12) and *Bloomberg News* (Dec. 12).

John Dubin was quoted in an Associated Press story (Nov. 13) about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to limit disability pensions for "obsolete" government workers.

The **Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic's** plans to sue two companies that had dumped a highly toxic dioxin into Newark Bay were covered by WNBC.com (Nov. 21), the Associated Press, the *Star-Ledger* (Nov. 20) and *The Jersey Journal* (Nov. 21). An article in the online newspaper *NewsBank* (Dec. 1) reported on the clinic's suit against a Millville developer. Another story spotlighted the mixed verdict in the clinic's case against a Clinton Township developer in *The Express-Times* (Feb. 6). The clinic's case against Monroe officials who are attempting to use park land as the site for a new school, argued on behalf of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club and Park Savers, was reported in the *Sentinel* (Feb. 5).

Gary Francione commented on the inadequacy of "animal rights" legislation in the *Christian Science Monitor* (Nov. 26) and the *Calgary Herald* (Nov. 29).

Suzanne Goldberg commented on how the Texas Supreme Court's decision to strike down an anti-sodomy law paved the way for the Massachusetts gay marriage ruling in a *New York Times* story (Nov. 19). She also addressed the issue of gay divorce in a *Boston Globe* article (Dec. 3).

Alan Hyde noted the dilemmas facing employers regarding background checks of job applicants in a *Courier News* story (Dec. 18).

Jonathan Hyman was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* story (Nov. 26) about injecting judicial review into cases that have been settled by arbitration. His comments about getting fired were included in *Asbury Park Press* article (Dec. 15).

John Payne was the subject of a Q&A article about providing more housing for the less affluent in the *Star-Ledger* (Nov. 30). His comments about affordable housing were also included in a *Star-Ledger* article (Nov. 25) about a meeting of the state Council on Affordable Housing. His observations on the city of Elizabeth's plan to build new affordable housing units appeared in the *Star-Ledger* (Dec. 11).

Payne's creation and support of "growth share" quotas for affordable housing in New Jersey were noted in a column in *The (Bergen) Record* (Dec. 7).

George Thomas commented on the viability of evidence obtained by police in a car through a remote keyless entry device operated by the car's owner in a *Star-Ledger* story (Dec. 22).

Rutgers Business School –Newark and New Brunswick

Dean Howard Tuckman commented on how the Internet and laptops have made bad weather less of an obstacle to keeping a business office running as employees cybercommute from home in the (Morristown) *Daily Record* (Feb. 5).

Mahmud Hassan, finance and economics, was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* story (Jan. 26) titled "\$60 Billion Hostile Bid is Expected for Aventis." He was interviewed on NJN News on the same topic that evening.

Research on college student cheating by **Don McCabe**, management and global business, was cited in articles in *The New York Times* (Nov. 26), *Christian Science Monitor* (Dec. 2), *Oregon Daily Emerald* (Dec. 2), *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* (Dec. 11), *Duluth News Tribune* (Dec. 7) and the (Chicago) *Daily Herald* (Feb. 6). He also was a featured guest on *Life Matters* (Nov. 20), a national program appearing on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, where he discussed the same topic.

Avri Ravid, finance and economics, was quoted in the November issue of *Money* magazine on a study he conducted that suggests studio executives choose violent movies not necessarily to increase profitability but to lower several measures of financial risk. *The Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 12) cited his study of movie profitability in an editorial.

Jay Soled, accounting and information systems, was quoted in *The New York Times* (Feb. 15) about the outsourcing of tax returns.

Barbara Stern, marketing, was quoted in an *Ottawa Citizen* (Nov. 30) story titled "Car Buyers Don't like Celine, Chrysler Realizes After a Year."

Rutgers College of Nursing

Dean Felissa Lashley was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* story (Nov. 12) about how older workers and immigrants were helping to ease the nation's nursing shortage.

Beverly Whipple noted the ability of sexual activity to measurably mediate pain in women in a *Time* magazine article (Jan. 19).

School of Criminal Justice

Freda Adler commented on the rising number of women in prison in a *New York Times* story (Dec. 29).

Marcus Felson was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* story (Nov. 6) about Newark's national ranking among cities in murder rates. He also commented in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Jan. 4) about how environmental factors and opportunity can combine to increase the likelihood of someone committing a crime.

George Kelling was quoted in a *New York Times* article (Jan. 11) about the factors behind the rising number of complaints against state troopers. In addition, Kelling's famous "broken windows" theory was mentioned in a *New York Times* article (Jan. 6) about a competing hypothesis that focuses more on the ways familial and socio-economic factors can combine to create a fertile environment for crime.

Candace McCoy was quoted in a *Seattle-Post Intelligencer* story (Nov. 3) about the pending trial for the former Texas Tech University professor accused of sending anthrax through the mails. She also commented on the fact that New Jersey has the greatest disparity between blacks and whites jailed of any state in the nation in the *Star-Ledger* (Jan. 18) and *The Jersey Journal* (Jan. 21).

Michael Wagers noted the puzzling recent spike in violent crime in Essex County in a *Star-Ledger* article (Jan. 2).

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Paula Tallal was named as one of the top "Women of Influence" in New Jersey by *NJBIZ* magazine (Dec. 8).

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies

Stephanie Bush-Baskette was interviewed by NJN News (Feb. 4) for a story about the redevelopment of East Orange.

Upcoming Events/Conferences

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

Conklin Hall Takeover Remembrance, Feb. 24, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Conklin Hall, 175 University Ave. Reception in Ackerson Hall immediately following the ceremonies. A commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the takeover of Conklin Hall by student protestors, including speeches by Rutgers President Richard McCormick, R-N Provost Steven Diner, and former student leaders and administrators who participated in the event. The ceremonies will include the dedication of a new plaque marking the event. For more information, contact Lori Barcliff-Baptista at 973/353-1871 ext. 11, 973/353-1871 ext. 37 or barcliff@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

RightsNight, March 3, 4:30-7:30 p.m., begins at the Paul Robeson Campus Center (350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.), then moves to Stonsby Commons (91 Bleeker St.), then to the Center for Law and Justice (123 Washington St.), then returns to the Robeson Center. An all-campus and community candlelight vigil featuring readings and speeches on civil rights, as well as a performance of Middle-Eastern music and African drumming by the Lew Porter Quintet. For additional information, contact Janet Larson at 973/353-5279 ext. 529.

RU Alumni Nights at NJPAC, March 13, 8 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The Irish band The Chieftans presents its annual St. Patrick's Day Weekend Concert. For more information, contact Evie Task at 973/353-1617 or task@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

The 22nd Annual Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture, March 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Baker Trial Courtroom, Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St. Keynote speaker: The Hon. Sylvia Pressler (NLA '59), presiding judge for administration of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey. For more information, contact Evie Task at 973/353-1617 or task@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

Germany and the New Europe: An International Conference, April 16, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Room 572, Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St. This conference, featuring speakers from the United States and Germany, will include panels chaired by Rutgers-Newark and New Jersey Institute of Technology faculty. The topics to be addressed are "The Economy and the Welfare State," "German Education in Crisis," "Environmental Politics and the Green Party," and "German Reunification Revisited."

Student News

School of Law-Newark

The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University has selected **Jody Carbone ('04)** and **Joshua Mann ('04)** for the Governor's Executive Fellowship Program for the spring semester. Carbone is serving her internship in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and Mann with the Governor's Counsel.

Julie Fry ('04) has received an Equal Justice Fellowship and will work next year at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York.

Three students – **Kristen Mateo ('04)**, **Emile Ivanov ('04)** and **Richard Bernstein ('05)** – have been chosen to participate in a study-abroad exchange at the Law Faculty in the University of Novi Sad, Serbia.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Nate Jones ('04) has been selected as football scholar-athlete of the year in the Big East Conference. He will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, which may be applied to graduate or professional studies.

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