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1. Campus News

R-N Open House Scheduled for April 22



With spring comes R-N's annual campus-wide Open House. This year's event - with the theme "Destination Rutgers-Newark" - is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Last year's Open House was attended by more than 1600 guests. The day serves as a welcome for all prospective and admitted undergraduate and graduate students, and a way to learn about academic opportunities, residence life, student life and campus developments. Open House is presented by the Office of Admissions which coordinates a large group of R-N volunteers from all of the R-N colleges to stage the day's events.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to volunteer and show their campus pride; please contact Caroline Livingston in the Office of Admissions, clivingston@ugadm.rutgers.edu or at 973/353-5205, ext. 23. Students, faculty and staff are also encouraged to bring

prospective students and others to join the guest list. For the Schedule of Events and to RSVP, please visit <http://openhouse.rutgers.edu>.

Rights Night Events Held

A number of events on Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 were presented as part of RightsNight '06. On Feb. 27, keynote speaker Chaplain James Yee, former Muslim U.S. Army Chaplain at Guantanamo Bay prison camp, Cuba, talked about his experiences there, and during his subsequent wrongful imprisonment. Events also included the screening of film documentaries *Brothers and Others*, *Eyes on the Prize*, and *The Torture Question*; a panel discussion addressing current domestic spying issues, immigrant detainee and student rights, suppression of dissent, and the Patriot Act, with R-N faculty; and a marathon reading of testimony on civil liberties and human rights. RightsNight '06 was organized by a committee headed by Janet Larson, associate professor of English. Sponsors included the Rutgers-Newark School of Law; Dana Library; Honors College; Women's Studies Program; Campus Housing Office; Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience; the departments of political science, history, philosophy, English, urban education, visual and performing arts; the Organization of Black Faculty and Staff; Graduate Student Governing Association; Student Governing Association; English Club; Rutgers Acts for Peace and Justice; A.W.A.R.E.; Black Organization of Students; Muslim Student Association; Jewish Student Organization; NJ-PIRG, R-N chapter; R-N Book Club; Amnesty International (NJIT Chapter); Graduate Student Association (NJIT), Student Senate (NJIT); New Jersey Civil Rights Defense Committee; Women of Color and Allies; Essex County Chapter of NOW; and the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

School of Law-Newark

Community Law Clinic Begins Collaboration with Covenant House New Jersey

The Community Law Clinic has begun collaboration with Covenant House New Jersey (CHNJ) that will increase direct legal assistance for clients at Covenant House Newark and help CHNJ to enhance its capacity to serve

homeless and at-risk youth throughout the state. The collaboration, called the Youth Advocacy Project, is funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

“This initiative brings the considerable experience of our clinical program in successfully assisting both at-risk young people and non-profits to the state’s largest non-profit provider of care and services for vulnerable young adults,” said Professor Jon C. Dubin, director of clinical programs. “Because Covenant House is a 24/7 facility,” he added, “the Youth Advocacy Project also provides evening law students with an opportunity for hands-on, intensely supervised legal training.” Faculty and students in the Community Law Clinic, the Child Advocacy Clinic, and the Urban Legal Clinic will participate in the project.

The grant provides for a Youth Advocacy Project Bar Fellow, administrative oversight and corporate legal assistance by the Community Law Clinic, and legal services by the Child Advocacy Clinic and the Urban Legal Clinic in areas of representation most needed by Covenant House clients, such as SSI disability hearings and appeals, foster care transition, housing issues, and special education. Steve Hockaday, Class of 2004, has been named the first Youth Advocacy Project Bar Fellow.

Superior Court Delivers Landmark Ruling

The Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division, in a landmark ruling with national significance, affirmed the argument by the Constitutional Litigation Clinic that the more than one million New Jerseyans who live in private communities governed by homeowner associations have fundamental free speech rights under the State Constitution. Originally filed in December 2000, Committee for a Better Twin Rivers v. Twin Rivers Homeowners’ Association was handled by the clinic on behalf of the ACLU-NJ. Dozens of Rutgers law students assisted in the case over the years.

The plaintiffs, home owners in the 10,000-resident community of Twin Rivers in East Windsor, won the right to post political signs on lawns, have equal access to the community newspaper, and have equitable access to the community room for meetings for dissident members of the homeowner association.

Professor Frank Askin, clinic director, commented, “For the first time anywhere in the United States, an appellate court has ruled that such private communities are ‘constitutional actors’ and must therefore respect their members’ freedom of speech. The Court recognized that, just as shopping malls are the new public square, these associations have become and act, for all practical purposes, like municipal entities unto themselves.” The *Associated Press*, NPR’s “All Things Considered,” *Star-Ledger*, *Record*, *Trenton Times*, *New Jersey Law Journal*, NJN, NY1, News 12 NJ, and 101.5 AM covered the Feb. 7 announcement of the decision.

Lawsuit Challenges Electronic Voting Machines

The Appellate Division on Feb. 9 announced its agreement with concerns raised by the Constitutional Litigation Clinic that all electronic voting machines used in the state may violate New Jersey’s Constitution and election laws. The Court reinstated a lawsuit filed by the clinic in 2004 that

challenges the ability of the electronic voting machines to count votes accurately, in compliance with voting rights laws. The Court reinstated the lawsuit even though all voting machines in the state must be equipped with a voter verified paper ballot component by 2008. The Court was concerned with protecting the hundreds of millions of votes that would be cast on the machines between now and 2008. The Court also expressed concern that the Attorney General’s office would use a loophole in the statute and issue waivers to the voter verified paper ballot requirement – further jeopardizing the franchise.

The lawsuit is the first in the nation to successfully challenge electronic voting machines, said Clinical Professor Penny Venetis, associate director of the clinic. “This shows that our courts take very seriously their role in protecting our most fundamental of all rights – the right to vote,” she said. “Despite clear evidence that New Jersey’s voting machines are insecure, the other branches of government failed to take appropriate action.” She noted that the same machines used by almost all of the state’s five million registered voters have been found too insecure and have been de-commissioned by California, Ohio, Nevada, and New York City.

Air America’s “Radio Nation with Laura Flanders” featured Venetis and a discussion of the case in its Feb. 11 program on voting rights.

Law Students Join in Hurricane Relief Efforts

Ten Rutgers law students traveled to the Gulf Coast over winter break as part of the Student Hurricane Network, a nationwide mobilization of law students, to assist survivors of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and support legal organizations working on behalf of individuals and communities. Five of the students helped hurricane survivors in Gulfport, MI and surrounding cities and five provided assistance in New Orleans. Funds contributed by the Class of 1973’s Martin Klepper, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; Dean Stuart L. Deutsch; Provost Steve Diner; and the Student Bar Association covered the airfare for nine of the students. They stayed free of charge in local churches.

The participation of Rutgers students was noted in the Nov. 25 *New York Law Journal* and Jan. 28 *Clarion-Ledger* (MS).

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

First Peer Reviewed Jazz Journal

Music Professors Lewis Porter and John Howland are co-editors in chief of the first peer reviewed journal of jazz, *Jazz Perspectives*. Articles will report on original research and analysis (musical, historical, cultural, or otherwise), and the first issue is scheduled for April 2006. According to Professor Porter, “The birth of *Jazz Perspectives* is an exciting event in jazz scholarship. The founding of this journal caps a long history of efforts to promote jazz scholarship in the academy. That the Newark campus of Rutgers University has undertaken this project is particularly fitting, since it is home to the world’s premier jazz archive, the Institute of Jazz Studies, and the first graduate-level jazz history degree, the M.A. in Jazz History

and Research, that began in September 1997. *Jazz Perspectives* complements the *Annual Review of Jazz Studies* published under the auspices of the Institute.

Porter further explains that there has been an exponential growth in academic jazz scholarship over the last two decades, and that this high-profile growth has become a catalyst for jazz and jazz-related research across the humanities. “It has fostered several parallel models of scholarship, each with their own methodological discourses. Jazz studies now range widely from historical, analytical and stylistic studies of jazz as a musical art, to multiple models for studying jazz as culture. While there continues to be a growing number of large and small commercial periodicals devoted to jazz, this new academic jazz community has yet to find a collective international forum to promote cross-disciplinary scholarly dialogue. This is the goal of *Jazz Perspectives*. As a refereed academic journal with an international editorial board, *Jazz Perspectives* aims to bridge the jazz-as-music and jazz-as-culture divide of contemporary jazz studies, as well as to promote broader international perspectives on the jazz tradition and its legacy. The pages of the journal will be devoted to all aspects of—and all approaches to—jazz scholarship.”

Journal of Public Management and Social Policy Symposium Issue on Natural Disasters

One of the first collections of scholarly articles to address the natural disasters of 2005 has been published at Rutgers-Newark. In February, the *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy* released its special symposium issue on “Natural Disasters: How do they impact the environment, economy, and people?” Articles address the history of natural disaster policy and strategies for strengthening local emergency management in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The journal was recently awarded to the Graduate Department of Public Administration after a national competitive review process. The new editor-in-chief is Byron E. Price, faculty member of the Public Administration department. The journal is co-sponsored by the National Center for Public Productivity and the Conference of Minority Public Administrators, a section of the American Society for Public Administration. The special issue begins the journal’s 12th volume. For more information please visit the journal’s website at <http://www.ncpp.us/publications.php>

Diversity in Education Grants Awarded to FAS-N Faculty

For nine consecutive years, *U.S. News & World Report* has identified Rutgers-Newark as the most diverse Ph.D.-granting university in the country, and this diversity presents many educational possibilities to those teaching on the campus. In order to enable full-time faculty and part-time lecturers to take advantage of these opportunities as much as possible, Rutgers-Newark has awarded several grants to faculty interested in integrating, or further integrating, the diversity of the student body into undergraduate courses taught during the spring 2006 academic term.

These grants are intended to assist faculty in the redesign and development of both existing and new courses in ways that permit them to better incorporate the diversity of the student body on the campus. The following awards have been made to FAS-N faculty: **Kimberly DaCosta Holton**, classical and modern languages and literature, “Introducing Portuguese-Speaking Africa to the Portuguese and Lusophone world Studies curriculum;” **Nick Kline**, visual and performing arts, “Introduction to Photography Restructured: Images of Diversity, Difference, and Identity;” **Carmen Kynard**, urban education, “Teaching for Cultural Diversity and Social Justice: Resources for High School Teacher Candidates in the Junior Practicum;” and **Carolyn White**, urban education, “Enhancing Student Diversity Connections in Social Foundations of Urban Education.”

Teachers As Scholars Program

Teachers from Newark's public schools are participating this month in Teachers as Scholars (TAS), a national program that provides professional development and life long intellectual growth for K-12 teachers, and fosters academic interaction between teachers and university and college professors. The spring session of TAS is funded by grants to the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, through a National Endowment for the Humanities initiative called We the People.

The Spring 2006 Teachers As Scholars classes will be held on March 24 and 31 in Conklin Hall, and feature classes taught by several Rutgers-Newark scholars: “The Black Experience” in Literature and Film (**Sterling Bland**); Race, Class, and Political Radicalism in African-American Literature (**Barbara Foley**); Ascriptive Citizenship and Social Policy: Constructions of Gender, Race, and Sexuality (**Jyl Josephson**); The Modern Civil Rights Movement and the Modernization of American Justice, 1955-1965 (**Clement Alexander Price**); and The Academy and the Outsider: The Cultural Meanings of Contemporary Art (**Charles Russell**)

Rutgers Business School

Merck Summer Ethics Institute at RBS

Professor Ed Hartman, director of The Prudential Business Ethics Center at Rutgers Business School (RBS), has announced that Merck has granted \$20,000 to support a Summer Ethics Institute, which will be held at the RBS in Newark. High school students who will be participating will be taking a course in bioethics. The program has been designed by Biology Professor Harvey Feder and Jeff Buechner, lecturer in philosophy.

EMBA Program News

Rutgers Executive MBA (EMBA) Program Director Farrokh Langdana reports that best attended open house for the program was held this past month. The program sponsors one day per semester “back to school” events for alumni, at Engelhard Hall. In addition, the program hosts events for EMBA spouses and partners, including a tour of the Newark Museum’s Ballantine House. *The Wall Street*

Journal has donated an award for the best EMBA student in the strategy course, as a result of the recent first place ranking for the Finance and Strategy sections of the program in *BusinessWeek*.

College of Nursing

College Introduces First Online PhD Program at Rutgers

The College of Nursing will introduce the first online Ph.D program at Rutgers in fall 2006. Rutgers College of Nursing developed the online program to attract doctoral candidates who are interested in enrolling in the nursing Ph.D program but can't attend a traditional classroom setting because of family and work demands.

According to Wendy Nehring, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, "Prospective PhD students today often work full time and have family obligations, making it challenging for them to attend traditional classes. Overwhelmingly, prospective students responded that an online program would enable them to return to school." According to Nehring, the program will help to address the nursing faculty shortage, as PhD nursing graduates often take academic positions. There are 12 other nursing programs in the county that offer an online PhD program

Major Study of NJ Nurse Staffing Levels and Work Environment

Linda Flynn, a Rutgers College of Nursing assistant professor, has launched one of the largest studies of New Jersey nurses. The study will explore the impact of nurse staffing levels and work environment on patient outcomes. Funded by a \$357,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and contributions from the New Jersey State Board of Nursing, the study's focus is to find out more about the New Jersey's nursing workforce and to determine how workplace factors influence job satisfaction and "burnout" among nurses.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Rutgers-Newark/Israel Biomedical Exchange Program

Professor Mark Gluck has announced that the Rutgers-Newark/Israel Biomedical Exchange program is growing, with a recent grant of \$20,000 in seed funding from Hebrew University. The grant will make possible a second Rutgers-sponsored conference in Jerusalem, in May 2007, hosted by Hebrew University. The conference will be titled "Hippocampus, Memory, and Alzheimer's Disease: Harnessing Genetic and Computational Technologies." In addition, the president of the Al Quds Palestinian Medical School has agreed that Al Quds will host a special satellite session, at their campus in the West Bank (just east of Jerusalem) on "Clinical Perspectives on Alzheimer's in the Middle East" with Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian, Egyptian, Turkish and other speakers.

Additional funds to support the conference are being sought by Professor Gluck, who notes that conference organizers intend to provide travel fellowships for R-N and

other students to attend and present their research at the conference poster session.

2. Faculty and Administration News

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Kimberly DaCosta Holton, Portuguese and Lusophone world studies, is the author of *Performing Folklore-Ranchos Folclóricos from Lisbon to Newark* (Indiana University Press). The book examines the evolution and significance of *Ranchos folclóricos*, groups of amateur musicians and dancers who perform turn-of-the-century popular tradition and have acted as cultural barometers of change throughout 20th-century Portugal.

Mauricio Delgado, psychology, recently gave an invited lecture at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Delgado served as senior presenter on a panel of Wesleyan alumni in the behavioral and neural sciences. The goal of the panel was to promote research and career opportunities in this field to Wesleyan undergraduates. Delgado plans to establish a similar program at Rutgers-Newark for alumni of its psychology program.

Yale H. Ferguson, political science, has been elected to the European Academy of the Sciences and Arts. The European Academy has nearly 1,200 members and is a transnational, interdisciplinary body.

A lecture, "Lightness Perception and Lighting and Environmental Design," was given by **Alan Gilchrist**, psychology, at the Symposium on Lighting and Environmental Design on March 14, sponsored by the Committee of Lighting Environmental Design in Architectural Institute of Japan, and supported by the Illuminating Engineering Institute of Japan, The Color Science Association of Japan, The Vision Society of Japan and Optical Society of Japan.

Eva Giloi, history, recently published an exhibition review entitled, "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Prussia," at H-German. The work can be found at <http://www.h-net.org/~german/>. H-German is a daily Internet discussion forum focusing on scholarly topics in German history.

Peter Golden, history, is on leave this year at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. He recently spent a week at the Swedish Collegium of Advanced Study in the Social Sciences (SCASS) in Uppsala. While there, he presented a paper, "Sacral Kingship in Medieval Turkic Central Eurasia." Golden also consulted with an international team of scholars at SCASS on a project focusing on Turko-Iranian linguistic, cultural and political ties.

Literary works from *Mānoa* journal, published by the University of Hawaii Press, are recognized in the current *Best American Essays of 2005*, released in October by Houghton Mifflin. "The Perpetrator, the Victim, and the Witness" by **Alex Hinton**, sociology and anthropology, from *Mānoa's* volume, "In the Shadow of Angkor: Contemporary Writing from Cambodia," is listed as one of the notable essays published during 2004. The volume as a whole is recognized as one of less than a dozen Notable Special Issues of 2004. The Best American series has been the premier annual showcase for the country's finest short fiction and nonfiction since 1915.

Mark Holzer has been named Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Public Administration. Holzer is chair of the graduate department of public administration and director of its doctoral program. BOG professorships recognize a small number of the university's most distinguished faculty. Holzer is an internationally recognized expert in performance measurement and public management. His primary research focus is in public sector productivity – a field he helped establish. He is the founder and director of the National Center for Public Productivity devoted to improving productivity in the public sector through research and public service. He also developed the E-Governance Institute, created to explore the ongoing impact of the Internet and other information technologies on the productivity and performance of the public sector, and how e-government fosters new and deeper citizen involvement within the governing process.

Elizabeth Hull, political science, is the author of *The Disenfranchisement of Ex-Felons* (Temple University Press). The book studies the issue of denying ex-felons the right to vote in the United States and how it disenfranchises nearly one-third of black men in the United States.

Frieder Jaekle, chemistry, has been awarded the prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship. These awards are intended to enhance the careers of the very best young faculty members in specified fields of science. Currently a total of 116 fellowships are awarded annually in seven fields: chemistry, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, and physics.

Kiki Kennedy-Day, classical and modern languages and literature, recently organized a panel for the American Academy of Religion on the topic "Current Research on the Afterlife," at the academy's national meeting in Philadelphia. In addition, Kennedy-Day presented a paper, "An 11th Century Islamic Perspective on the Afterlife: Ibn Sina's thoughts on the ma'ād (return)."

Asela Laguna, classical and modern language and literature, is the author of a review essay, "Lopez, Kimberley S. Latin American Novels of the Conquest. Reinventing the New World," in *CHASQUI* (May 2005). In addition she has four essays: "1492," "Eugenio Maria de Hostos," "Dr. Antonia Pantoja," and "Padre Felix Varela,"

published in the four-volume *Encyclopedia Latina* (Grolier 2005). Laguna has contributed 15 entries to the new *Encyclopedia of Caribbean Literature* (Westport Press, 2006).

Jonathan Lurie, history, has been invited to serve as an expert consultant to a law firm preparing an *amicus* brief on a detention case for submission to the United States Supreme Court. In addition, Lurie has been invited to lecture for a second time to the United States Supreme Court Historical Society.

Jayne Anne Phillips, English, joined writers Richard Ford, Joy Williams, and Tobias Wolff in a PEN Faulkner commemoration of the work of Raymond Carver and celebration of the 30 year anniversary of the publication of Carver's first book of stories; *Will You Please Be Quiet, Please?* The sold out event was held at the Folger Library March 10, in Washington, DC.

Byron Price, public administration, is the author of *Merchandising Prisoners: Who Really Pays for Prison Privatization* (Greenwood Press). Price's book focuses on the private, for-profit operation of federal, state and county correctional facilities, and related industries that finance the construction and renovation of new and current prisons. Price examines the argument that prison privatization is a cost-saving measure and presents research which indicates that incarceration may have become a profit-making industry.

Norma Riccucci, public administration, recently won the 2006 Charles H. Levine award. This award is granted by the American Society of Public Administration and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Public Administration for excellence in teaching, research and service. The award is also given to honor researchers whose work has made an impact on the field.

Kurt Schock, sociology and anthropology, is the co-winner of the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association's 2005 Best Book of the Year Award. Schock was honored for his book, *Unarmed Insurrections: People Power Movements in Non-Democracies*, published by the University of Minnesota Press.

Robert Snyder, journalism and media studies, delivered a lecture, "The Voice of the City: Vaudeville and Popular Culture in New York", at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts on Feb. 9 in conjunction with the exhibit "Vaudeville Nation."

Anna Stubblefield, philosophy, is the author of *Ethics Along the Color Line* (Cornell University Press) Her book addresses the question of whether black Americans should think of each other as an extended racial family and base their treatment of each other on this consideration, or eschew racial identity and envision the day when people do not think in terms of race.

The Institute of Puerto Rican culture in San Juan, Puerto Rico sponsored the premier of "If not then, what," a video installation of Visual and Performing Arts' **Edin Velez's** work as part of a series of video exhibitions under the rubric "Rewind, Rewind." The installation was on display from Oct. 27, 2005 to Jan. 22, 2006 at the Old Armory Space in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In October, **Judith Weis**, biological sciences, attended the Estuarine Research Federation meeting at which two of her graduate students presented papers. Student Allison Candelmo presented a talk on "Behavior and condition responses of young-of-the year bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) to contaminants via trophic transfer." Student James MacDonald presented a talk on "Subtidal animal communities in mangrove prop roots: what impact does nearby anthropogenic disturbance have on community composition and diversity?" Also, in mid-November Weis participated in a board meeting of the Association for Women in Science and a meeting of the National Sea Grant Review Panel, both in Washington, DC.

School of Law

"No 'Inherent Authority' Justifies Warrantless Wiretaps of Citizens," an op-ed by **Frank Askin**, was published in the Jan. 2 *New Jersey Law Journal*. He wrote "An Affirmative Legacy at Rutgers Law," about the origins of the Minority Student Program and the role of the late Dean Willard Heckel in establishing the MSP, for the Jan. 22 *Star-Ledger's* "Perspectives" section.

Cynthia Blum's "The Flat Tax: A Panacea for Privacy Concerns?" was published in the June 2005 *American University Law Review*.

"Déjà vu All Over Again: The False Dichotomy Between Sanctity of Life and Quality of Life" by **Norman Cantor** was published in the Fall 2005 *Stetson Law Review*. The article is an adaptation of a talk presented at Stetson in Spring 2005 as part of a symposium on the Terri Schiavo case.

The Institute on Education Law and Policy, headed by **Paul Tractenberg**, has received an \$80,000 Academic Excellence Award to study New Jersey's school finance laws and policy on school district accountability.

College of Nursing

Dean Felissa Lashley's "Emerging infectious diseases at the beginning of the 21st century" has been published in the *Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*, Jan. 2006.

Lucille Joel is the author of the fifth edition of *The Nursing Experience: Trends, Challenges and Transitions*, published by McGraw-Hill.

Wendy Neering is the author of "Care for Children and Youth With Disabilities or Special Health Care Needs,"

published in *Nursing Excellence for Children and Families*, Craft-Rosenberg, Martha and Krajicek, Marilyn J., eds. (Springer Publishing Co).

The Journal of Emergency Nursing selected **Linda J. Scheetz** as an assistant editor for research.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Laszlo Zaborsky is the editor of a textbook on neuroanatomical methods that will be published by Springer this month. The book's 700 pages contains chapters by leading authorities in the field as well as two chapters by Zaborsky.

3. Newsmakers

Office of the Provost

New Jersey Business magazine's story on the Newark renaissance included Provost **Steven Diner's** comments about the campus's expansion plans and its role in the city's redevelopment. The March issue of *Diversity Inc.* included an in-depth interview with Diner about Rutgers-Newark, its urban and education missions and its home city's future. The Feb. 14 *Star-Ledger* quoted Diner about the debut of the Newark Targum. Diner's comments about the University of District of Columbia's mission were included in an article about the lack of a community college in Washington, D.C., in the Dec. 19 issue of *Community College World*.

Gene Vincenti was quoted in the *Star-Ledger's* Feb. 2 coverage of the campus's plans to convert the former law school building at 15 Washington St. into graduate housing.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Fran Bartkowski, English, wrote a column entitled, "Oh for a Perch on a Porch," in the Nov. 13 issue of the *New York Times New Jersey Weekly Section*.

Douglas Coate, economics, discussed New Jersey's system for awarding liquor licenses for an article in the Feb. 6 *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Retired English Professor **Louie Crew** discussed inviting former Gov. McGreevey to an Episcopal Church fundraiser, in the Dec. 6 *Newsday*.

Kim DaCosta Holton, Portuguese and Lusophone world studies, was quoted in a Feb. 2 *Star-Ledger* story about Portuguese folk music, which also cited her book, *Performing Folklore: Ranchos Folclóricos from Lisbon to Newark*.

John Floreen, visual and performing arts, was quoted in a Dec. 5 *Star-Ledger* article about the holiday concert

performed by the Rutgers University Chorus at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital.

The online “*Inside Higher Ed: News*” on Dec. 30 included comments by **Barbara Foley**, English, about AAUP policies concerning freedom of speech in classroom discussions and whether course materials are relevant to the course topic.

H. Bruce Franklin, English, has an excerpt from his forthcoming book, *The Most Important Fish in the Sea*, in the March/April Oceans special issue of *Mother Jones*.

Dennis Gale, public administration, was quoted in *NJBIZ*'s Jan. 30 issue about tax breaks for Newark corporations, and in the Feb. 26 *Star-Ledger* about the Newark mayoral race. He also was interviewed by *WABC-TV Eyewitness News*, about the upcoming mayoral elections, on its Feb. 22 broadcast.

Alexander Gates, earth and environmental sciences, discussed a mild earthquake in Kinnelon, NJ in the Dec. 14 *Star-Ledger*.

James Goodman, history, is the author of a review in the Jan. 29 issue of the *New York Times Book Review*. Goodman reviewed Eric Foner's book, *Forever Free: The Story of Emancipation and Reconstruction*.

The NY Times New Jersey Weekly Section, Nov. 27, quoted **Marc Holzer**, public administration, about the “Reinventing Newark” exhibitions on the campus. He also was quoted in the Dec. 23 *Detroit News* about the City of Detroit's use of grants to renovate buildings near the Super Bowl arena.

Lisa Hull, political science, was the subject of a Bob Braun column in the Feb. 20 *Star-Ledger*. The column discussed her new book, *The Disenfranchisement of Ex-Felons*.

Guenther Knoblich, psychology, was featured in a recent issue of *American Psychologist*, an academic journal which is circulated to nearly all research and clinical psychologists throughout North America. The article features Knoblich's educational trajectory, his current research and the recent Early Career Achievement Award he earned from the American Psychological Association.

Jayne Anne Phillips, English, was interviewed about the West Virginia mining tragedy for the Jan. 5 *Chicago Tribune*.

Lewis Porter, visual and performing arts, commented on the new Jazz at Lincoln Center facility, in the Jan. 24 *New York Times*. Porter was featured as a commentator on a recent Black Entertainment Television (BET) documentary about Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane.

Clement A. Price, history, talked about the late Newark historian Charles Cummings in a Dec. 23 *Star-Ledger*

article about Cummings, and discussed the legacy of the late Richard P. McCormick for the Jan. 18 *Star-Ledger*. Price was quoted in a Jan. 1 *Associated Press* article about plans to build luxury housing in Newark. This story also was reported on *1010WINS* and in *The Mercury News* on Jan 1, *philly.com* on Jan. 2, and in *The Record* (Bergen) on Jan. 4. Price also was quoted, along with **Norman Samuels**, provost emeritus, in a Jan. 14 *Star-Ledger* story about the death of Joseph Brown, one of the R-N student leaders of the Conklin Hall takeover in 1969. Price penned a major article for the February issue of *New Jersey Monthly* about South Jersey communities founded by African-Americans in the 1800s. Price was quoted on the Newark mayoral race by *The New York Times* in a Feb. 11 article, and the *Star-Ledger* on Feb. 23. The *Ledger* also quoted him on Feb. 19 about the Marion Thompson Wright lecture series and on Feb. 22 about the economic status of free Northern blacks. Price also appeared in a *News 12 NJ* newscast about the Marion Thompson Wright lecture, on Feb. 18.

Sandy Skoglund's exhibit, “Beyond Real: The Art of Sandy Skoglund” was listed by the Dec. 26 *Star-Ledger* as one of “Ten Exhibits Worth Seeing” in a Best of 2005 arts roundup. Skoglund is a member of the visual and performing arts department.

Several media sources quoted **Rob Snyder**, journalism and media studies, about the New York transit strike, including *Newsday* (Dec. 12 and 22); the *Brian Lehrer Show* on WNYC (Dec. 20); and the *New York Times* (Dec. 20).

School of Law

The Feb. 27 *Asbury Park Press* interviewed **Dean Stuart L. Deutsch** about a land-use law issue.

Frank Askin commented for several media outlets about the confirmation hearings and Senate vote on Judge Samuel Alito, including Court TV's “Nancy Grace Show,” NBC Channel 4, and UPN Channel 9. Askin was interviewed for a Feb. 20 *Chicago Tribune* report on a local ordinance requiring homeowners who hold private fundraisers in their homes to pay for the security costs; a Dec. 29 *Associated Press* story on upcoming appointments to the New Jersey Supreme Court; a Jan. 10 *Star-Ledger* story about legal ethics; a Dec. 12 *New Jersey Lawyer* article about pending legislation to ban SLAPP suits (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation); and for *Star-Ledger* and WPIX Channel 11 (Feb. 9) reports about a police officer suspended for comments made during his off-duty, stand-up comic routine. He also was quoted, along with **Ron Chen**, in a Jan. 6 article in the *Record* (Bergen) about Chen's nomination as public advocate. Askin was quoted in media coverage about a victory for the Constitutional Litigation Clinic in a case involving homeowner associations and residents' rights. The story was reported in the Feb. 8 editions of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Star-Ledger*, the *Home News Tribune*, and he was quoted again on the topic in *The Trenton Times* on Feb. 14.

The *Associated Press* quoted **Bernard Bell** in a Feb. 12 story on the prospects for legalized sports betting in New Jersey.

Ron Chen was quoted in the Nov. 22 *Post Chronicle* about Samuel Alito's possible position on religious expression. He also discussed that topic in the Dec. 9 online www.MichNews.com, and speculated on the Supreme Court's possible stance on diversity, in the Jan. 8 *Star-Ledger*.

Sherry Colb commented on the unreliability of eyewitness testimony for an article in the Jan. 24 *Star-Ledger*.

In the Feb. 20 *NJBIZ*, **Charles Davenport** discussed a legal challenge to investment tax credits in Ohio that could impact New Jersey businesses.

A Jan. 19 *USA Today* article about Iraq's restructuring of its foreign debt included a comment by **Anna Gelpern**.

Comments by **Suzanne Goldberg** were included in Jan. 13 *Arkansas News Bureau* and Jan. 14 *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* stories about an ACLU petition before the Arkansas Supreme Court to uphold its ruling to allow gays to serve as foster parents.

Barbara Hoffman was quoted by the *Associated Press* Feb. 7 about the employment rights of cancer survivors.

John Payne was a panelist along with former State Supreme Court Justice Peter Verniero on the NJN "Due Process" show entitled "U.S. Supreme Court: What's Next?" The segment aired on Feb. 19 and 21. Payne commented for a Feb. 10 *Star-Ledger* article on a developer's housing plan that involves affordable housing units and a Feb. 12 *Record* story on the siting of cellular towers.

Jim Pope was interviewed about the New York City transit strike by several media including the *Voice of America* and 101.5 AM.

Bill Potter was quoted in a story about a Princeton Junction redevelopment plan, in the Dec. 14 *Times of Trenton*.

Sabrina Safrin commented for the Jan. 24 *Star-Ledger* about the patent infringement suit against the maker of BlackBerry wireless service.

The *Star-Ledger* (Dec. 16) talked to **Diana Sclar** about a dispute concerning part of an island in Lake Hopatcong.

The *Star-Ledger's* Jan. 12 coverage of the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling that a group of Livingston residents challenging wetlands development on neighboring property do not have the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge included a comment by **Carter Strickland**, acting director of the Environmental Law Clinic, which represented the residents.

An article in the *Asbury Park Press* on Nov. 28, on the possibility of a convicted killer being released on a technicality, included comments by **George Thomas**.

Richard Webster commented for a Dec. 5 Hazardous Waste Superfund Alert report on the environmental law clinic's intent to sue six companies under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The clinic is representing New York/New Jersey Baykeeper and Hackensack Riverkeeper. Other media include Feb. 15 *Star-Ledger* and Feb. 14 *Home News Tribune* reports on the clinic's filing of an appeal on behalf of three environmental groups opposed to an approved land swap in Monroe; and Feb. 10 Gannett and Feb. 21 *Record* stories on the licensing of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant.

Rutgers Business School

Dean Howard Tuckman commented on supply chain management programs at business schools, as part of a Feb. 8 article that appeared in *The Herald-News* and *The Record*.

Michael Crew, finance and economics, commented on nuclear plant safety in a Feb. 12 article in the *Asbury Park Press* about Oyster Creek power plant.

The Nov. 28 issue of *NJBIZ* included a Q & A with **Brenda Hopper**, director, Small Business Development Center, on the role of the Small Business Development Centers. Hopper also was quoted in a second article on how entrepreneurs profit from the SBDC. The Dec. 12 issue of *NJBIZ* quoted Hopper about the impact of the SBDC, while the February issue of *New Jersey Business* quoted Hopper about the economic impact that SBDC clients have on the state.

BusinessWeek's Feb. 6 UpFront section included comments by **Don McCabe**, management and global business, about cheating among various disciplines at universities.

Gene Slowinski, director, RUTAP, was the subject of a Q & A on corporate growth, in the Feb. 13 *NJBIZ*.

School of Criminal Justice

Michael Wagers's comments about the increase in gun violence were carried by the *Jersey Journal* (Dec. 29). The *Denver Post* also quoted him in a Dec. 9 story on efforts to reduce violent crime in Denver, while the Jan. 4 *Star-Ledger* quoted him about the increase in murders in New Jersey cities, and the Jan. 9 *Trenton Times* quoted him about the homicide increase in that city. The Jan. 11 *New York Times* quoted Wagers about Newark's increase in gun violence. The Jan. 20 *Star-Ledger* quoted him in an article about the city of Newark's new crime-fighting tools, while an *Associate Press* story quoting Wagers about the increase in homicides in Trenton was picked up by *nbc10.com* and the *Trenton Times* on Jan. 20. The Feb. 5 *Star-Ledger* quoted him in an article on rising gun use in Newark. Wagers was interviewed on the topic of rising gun violence

by Fox 5 News on Jan. 4, and by UPN 9 on the same day. A Feb. 21 Associated Press article on Operation CeaseFire efforts in Chicago also quoted Wagers.

College of Nursing

101.5, WKXW-FM, interviewed **Dean Felissa R. Lashley** concerning the C-Diff bacteria and antibiotics treatment, which aired on Dec. 8.

Rachel Jones was interviewed by WKXW-FM, 101.5, and WCTC-AM for their World AIDS Day news stories which aired on Dec. 1. WBGO-FM interviewed Jones for a story on the computer video vignettes project to reduce the HIV/AIDS risk among young urban women. The interview aired on the news program, WBGO Journal, on Feb. 24.

The *Star Ledger* interviewed **Wendy Nehring** for an article on how nursing schools and colleges are preparing their nursing students, which was published in the education section in its Jan. 22 edition. Nehring was quoted about the use of patient simulators in the Jan. 9 issue of *ADVANCE for Nurses*.

Julia Plotnick was profiled in the “Neighbors” feature of the Dec. 15 *Star-Ledger*, including quotes about her work with the U.S. Public Health Service. The Dec. 5 *Courier-News* also carried a story on Plotnick’s receiving the Diva Award from the Institute for Nursing of the New Jersey State Nursing Association Foundation.

In the Jan. 23 *Philadelphia Inquirer*, **Beverly Whipple** discussed her research about women’s sexual stimulation.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Gyorgy Buzsaki was featured in a Feb. 9 story in the *Star-Ledger* about the design of his home in Millburn.

The work of **-Paula Tallal** and **April Benasich** in assessing developmental difficulties in babies was cited in a *boston.com* online article on Dec. 26. **Benasich** also was quoted in a Dec. 27 program that aired on Boston’s NPR station, *WBUR*, and also was carried on the station’s website, *wbur.org*.

Office of Housing and Residence Life

Jaray Harvey-Gillespie was quoted in Bob Braun’s Dec. 15 column in the *Star-Ledger*, talking about college students and stress.

4. Upcoming Events & Conferences

No Country is an Island: Figures of Freedom in Recent Caribbean (American) Art at Robeson Gallery through April 6

“No Country is an Island: Figures of Freedom in Recent Caribbean (American) Art” opened at the Paul Robeson Gallery on March 2. The exhibit presents the work of 11 artists from the Caribbean and the United States who grapple with the effects of post-colonial freedom either directly or indirectly. The exhibition runs through April 6 and will feature a special symposium on April 5 with contributions from internationally renowned scholars on Caribbean culture, history and art. For information, contact Lisa Hasslebrook at x1610. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Wednesday from noon-7 p.m.

New Jersey End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium March 23-24

The College of Nursing Center for Professional Development will host the first annual conference of the New Jersey End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium at the Sheraton Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. on March 23-24. Julia Duane Quinlan, mother of Karen Ann Quinlan, whose legal battle to remove her daughter from a respirator changed the use of life-support for the dying, will speak at the conference.

Seventh Annual Applied and Urban Ethics Conference March 25

Debates surrounding the biomedical enhancement of the human body will be explored during “Perfect Minds in Perfect Bodies: The Ethics of Biomedical Enhancement,” the Seventh Annual Applied and Urban Ethics Conference, which will take place on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Ackerson Hall, Room 123. The ethics of enhancing sports performance; ethical and cultural implications of a major extension of the human life span that may result from anticipated biomedical advances; and issues surrounding enhancement therapies (especially those that are gene-based) are some of the topics to be discussed. Speakers include: Adrienne Asch, Henry R. Luce Professor in Biology, Ethics and Politics of Reproduction, Wellesley College and Dr. Ron Green, Eunice and Julian Cohen Professor for the Study of Ethics and Human Values, Dartmouth College. For information, call 201-902-9525.

Khmer Rouge Photo Exhibition Opens at Dana Library on March 28

“Khmer Rouge, Then and Now: A Photographic History,” will be on display in Dana Library beginning March 28 through April 30. The exhibit, which is being organized by Honors College students studying transitional justice and the Documentation Center of Cambodia features photos from the DC-Cam archive that portray crimes carried out by

the genocidal Khmer Rouge during its reign. The exhibition opens with lectures and a reception which will take place in the Dana Room of the Dana Library from noon-4 p.m. on March 28. For information, call ext. 5222.

First R-N Conference on Sexual Violence Prevention March 28

Rutgers-Newark will present a free conference open to all students, faculty and staff, about the incidence and consequences of sexual violence on university campuses. The conference will take place at the Paul Robeson Campus Center, 9 am to 1 pm. Expert speakers will present the services and resources available to the R-N campus community. Speakers include Marcia Brown, Vice Provost; Lynne Logatto, MSN, APNC Associate Director Health Services; Ursula Leibowitz-Johnson, MSW, Director, Essex Rape Care Center; Clara Rodriguez, JD, Director, Sex Crimes Unit, Essex County Prosecutor's Office; and others. For more information contact Lynne Logatto llogatto@rci.rutgers.edu 353-5232 x 227.

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Earth Day Events Scheduled for April 19 & 21

Rutgers-Newark will celebrate Earth Day 2006 with two events, for which volunteer participants are solicited. On April 19, student, staff and faculty volunteers will plant a perennial trial garden on the Norman Samuels Plaza, which will demonstrate the use of indigenous and sustainable plants with visual interest over four seasons. On April 21, students, staff and faculty volunteers will assist the Greater Newark Conservancy with spring planting at their Urban Environmental and Education Center on Springfield Avenue. More information, and a volunteer sign up is at www.newark.rutgers.edu/earthday. The event is sponsored by the Office of Communications, the Honors College, Office of Housing and Residence Life, and Physical Plant.

Friends of Law Library Panel Discussion April 27

On April 27 from 6 – 8 pm, the library will hold a Friends of the Law Library panel discussion on "After Kelo: Eminent Domain in New Jersey." Public Advocate Ronald Chen '83, State Senator Nia Gill '75 and Professors Bernard Bell and John Payne will participate. Associate Dean Carol Roehrenbeck '77 will serve as moderator.

Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture April 28

On April 18 New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Virginia A. Long '66 will deliver the 24th Annual Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture. Her topic is "The Purple Thread: Social Justice As a Recurring Theme in the Decisions of the Poritz Court." Chief Justice Deborah Poritz will retire at the end of the Court's current term. The Annual Alumni Judges Dinner will follow the lecture.

Cornwall Center Annual Conference June 13

The Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies' annual conference, "Housing in the Urban Essex County Area: Issues, Opportunities & Needs for the Future" will be held on Tuesday, June 13 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Newark, NJ 07102. This one-day conference will explore issues related to the housing situation in the urban Essex County area- specifically Newark, East Orange, Irvington and Orange. While recognizing the unique nature of each city, the conference will also address cross-cutting themes such as: identification of housing challenges; ongoing discrimination in housing markets; prevention of homelessness; resources available to meet these challenges; and necessary steps to bring about change. The conference will begin with a plenary session in which representatives from the four cities discuss housing trends in their respective communities. After the plenary session, three concurrent sessions will address key housing issues including: senior housing, affordable home ownership, and affordable rental housing. Finally, the day will conclude with a discussion of the next steps that can be taken to improve the housing situation in the urban Essex County area. The conference is free and open to the public, however, RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to Ms. Irene Welch at 973-353-1750 ext. 221 or irenew@rutgers.edu

5. Student News

Social Work Student Organizations Donate Funds

The Social Work Student Organizations of FAS-N and University College recently donated \$500 to the Maria L. Varisco Rogers Charter School of Newark. The organizations raised the funds through their annual talent show, which was held in November. The talent show featured 20 student acts and attracted nearly 400 people. Each year, the talent show serves as a platform for students to showcase their talents, raises awareness of the social work major and raises funds to benefit a community organization.

Honors College Student Named Junior Fellow of AAPS

Kehinde Togun, an Honors College senior majoring in Political Science, was recently appointed Junior Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPS). The AAPS Junior Fellow program recognizes outstanding undergraduate students for their achievements

in analyzing social problems and for their promise of becoming tomorrow's outstanding social scientists.

Law Student Elected Governor of Third Circuit of the ABA's Law Student Division

Second year law student Ericke Cage has been elected governor of the Third Circuit of the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. As governor, Cage will lead the implementation of all ABA/LSD's programs and initiatives within the Third Circuit, which encompasses law schools in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. He will also serve on the Law Student Division's Board of Governors and as a member of one of the Division's standing committees. Cage previously served as an ABA/LSD representative, circuit lieutenant, and as student liaison to the Committee on Corporate Counsel of the ABA's Section of Litigation.

Nursing EOF Students Attend Leadership Conference

Seven Nursing EOF students attended The Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Development Conference at the Hyatt Regency-Crystal City in Arlington, VA. The students were selected based on their leadership skills.

NCAS student **Grace Kim**'s fundraising efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims were the subject of a feature article in *The Randolph Reporter* on Dec. 15. Kim is a freshman.

NCAS psychology major **Igmary Torres**, a senior, was featured in a Dec. 10 story in *The Record* (Bergen) about internships at the North Jersey Development Center.

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