Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton Honors R-N Pioneer in Women’s Rights

by Mike Sutton

U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, asserting that the Justice Rehnquist-led U.S. Supreme Court is usurping the legislative powers of the U.S. Congress and is engaged in a program to roll back the civil rights gains of the past half-century, kicked off the School of Law-Newark’s new Elizabeth Blume Silverstein Lecture Series March 30 as the inaugural speaker.

Referring to two affirmative action cases involving the University of Michigan taken up by the Supreme Court on April 1, Clinton said, “Affirmative action is essential to so many things that come after [for minority students] – it is a springboard to opportunity.”

Speaking to a crowd of about 300 composed of state and federal judges and officials, Rutgers faculty and administration, Rutgers-Newark law students and invited guests in the Center for Law and Justice Atrium, Clinton observed of the Court’s decision, “It is truly the beginning of a legal struggle over our nation’s values when it comes to diversity” – one that could see legislative advances in women’s rights, among others, curtailed or eliminated as well.

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New members of the Rutgers-Newark faculty were the focal point of Provost’s Annual Research Day when they gathered – along with guest presenters from NJIT, UMDNJ and the Public Health Research Institute – to share their investigations April 29, 2:30-5:30 p.m., in the University Club in the Paul Robeson Campus Center. These samples of some of the diverse presentations that attendees heard indicate how these new voices are enriching the university community.

KARIMA BENNOUNE
Assistant professor of law
Topic: “To Respect and To Ensure: Human Rights Law, Terrorism and Conflicting State Obligations”

“(George) Bernard Shaw wrote that ‘when the angel of death sounds his trumpet, the pretences of civilization are blown from men’s heads into the mud like hats in a gust of wind,’” Bennoune observed. Bennoune discussed the need for governments to simultaneously ensure the protection of their citizens from abuses by others while avoiding the commission of human-rights harms themselves in the post-Sept. 11 world. “Faced with a ‘war on terrorism,’ does human-rights law offer solutions?” she asked rhetorically. “Or are we inevitably faced with key principles of human-rights law being, as Shaw warned, blown into the mud?”

LEE SLATER
Assistant professor of earth and environmental sciences
Topic: “Studying Subsurface Dynamic Processes with Environmental Geophysics”

High-resolution imaging technologies are providing scientists with a greater understanding of what is going on just below the Earth’s surface. These techniques are proving increasingly valuable in the study of near-surface environmental processes such as groundwater flow and the transport of contaminants. Slater’s talk demonstrated “how ‘resistivity imaging,’ a tool originally developed for medical purposes, can be used to image the subsurface environment,” he explained. This technology can be used to study peatlands and wetlands, among other areas, he added.

HUIXIN HE
Assistant professor of chemistry
Topic: “Nanochemistry”

Nanotechnology’s products are so tiny that they are invisible without the aid of powerful, specialized microscopes, but their effects on science and society will likely be potent in the coming century. Every cell phone, for example, contains lithium batteries that use carbon nanotubes to store energy, and many products and services in the medical field also depend on nanotechnology. He’s presentation included descriptions of her work using biomolecular templates to make and study new nanoscale chemical structures.

Riccucci Receives National Award for Body of Work
by Mike Sutton

Norma Riccucci, Rutgers-Newark professor of public administration, recently received the highly prestigious 2002 Distinguished Research Award from the National Association of Schools of Public Administration.

“It’s basically an award for the distinguished research done over the course of one’s career,” said Riccucci, the youngest person to ever receive the accolade. Less than two decades after leaving graduate school, she has compiled the kind of exemplary record of scholarly investigations and publications that usually takes twice as long.

Prior to her arrival at Rutgers-Newark last fall, Riccucci spent 17 years at the University of Albany, part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. “Rutgers-Newark is a good fit,” she observed. “Newark and this campus really capture the essence of diversity. That is very important to me professionally and personally. It’s something that has really contributed to my teaching because I teach on issues of diversity, affirmative action and similar topics.”

In 2002, she had a new book published titled Managing Diversity in Public Sector Workforces.

“The workplace is now much more diverse,” she noted. “What we need to do is look at how we use that diversity to enhance and promote government productivity. How do we improve public management organizations so they improve the quality of life for citizens? That’s the bottom line.”
Rutgers University Chorus to Tour England
The Rutgers University Chorus (Newark Campus) will play the role of musical ambassador during a concert tour of England May 14-21.

Highlights of the tour will include concerts in Ely and St. Paul’s cathedrals, a joint performance in Slough with the Celebration Brass Ensemble of London, and a benefit concert for the poor in St. Leonard’s Church in London. This will be the group’s fourth international tour.

Prior to departing, the chorus is performing four pre-tour concerts in New Jersey, starting with a free noon concert in the Center for Law and Justice Atrium April 28. The remaining three concerts will take place at St. Mary’s Church in Newark, Prospect Presbyterian Church in Maplewood and Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair.

For more information on the New Jersey performances, contact Professor John Floreen at 973/353-5119 ext. 28 or jfloreen@earthlink.net.

New Work to Begin on Norman Samuels Plaza
A second round of landscaping on Norman Samuels Plaza, scheduled for this summer, will include a transformation of the now mostly concrete eastern section of the Plaza into gently curving brick paths and public spaces. The design prominently features greenspace dominated by grassy areas, bushes and trees. The heavy slab of concrete above the stairs leading up to the Plaza from University Avenue will be replaced with a light, graceful arch bearing the word “Rutgers.”

For a more comprehensive overview of the transformation, go to http://rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/ppnewark/NSPlaza_files/frame.htm.

Conference Examines Pharmaceutical Industry
The Prudential Center for Business Ethics at Rutgers University hosted a conference on business and medical ethics in the pharmaceutical industry April 21-22 at NJPAC.

Called “The Grand Bargain: The Pharmaceutical Industry and Society in the 21st Century,” the forum tackled issues such as how well clinical drug trials balance the safety of individual patients with the desire of companies to offer new medical therapies. Other panels addressed bioethical questions, such as whether advances in genetics, pharmacology and the neurosciences will be used to aid the sick or misused to “enhance socially desirable characteristics” and to permit controversial screening of patients.

“The conference was entitled ‘The Grand Bargain’ to reflect the special relationship that the pharmaceutical industry has with society,” said Michael Santoro, associate professor of business environment at Rutgers-Newark and organizer of the conference. “In recent years, politicians, social critics and the media have devoted significant attention to the social responsibilities of pharmaceutical companies,” he commented. The industry is granted some latitude in regulation because the anticipated societal benefits of the potential medicines are so great.

“We hope that this conference provided an opportunity to assess the strengths and weaknesses of this special relationship,” Santoro added.

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**In Memoriam: Dr. Sydney Greenfield**

Professor Emeritus Sydney Greenfield died April 1 at the age of 87. A botanist, he had officially retired from Rutgers-Newark in 1984 after teaching at the university for 38 years, but he continued to instruct students on a voluntary basis until two years ago. His generosity to the campus included his founding of the Sydney S. Greenfield Botany Fellowship to help aspiring plant scientists.

Perhaps more than any other individual, Greenfield shaped the aesthetic landscape of the Newark campus during its growth. Arriving at R-N in 1946, he actively worked in planning and developing the campus, insisting that it include more than 40 species of trees, and providing shady, green spots to study for generations of R-N students to come.

> A Rutgers-Newark student finds a comfortable spot to hit the books amid the landscaping pioneered by Greenfield.

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**R-N Honors College Students Awarded NJ Nets/Devils Scholarships**

Four students in the Honors College at Rutgers-Newark have been awarded academic scholarships by the NJ Nets/Devils Foundation.

The R-N students were among only 42 across New Jersey chosen this year to each receive a four-year, $4,000 scholarship – a total that will be matched by Rutgers-Newark, raising the complete financial package to $8,000.

The honorees include Christina Chai, Joseph Clark, Abigail Persad and Gary Smirny. Their awards were presented in special ceremonies held at Nets and Devils games.

The recipients were chosen for demonstrating an ongoing history of community service and on the basis of financial need, said Dan McNeal, program and grants manager for the foundation.

John Gunkel, director of the Honors College at Rutgers-Newark, said he wasn’t surprised to see four of the students in the program win the scholarships.

“Our [Honors] students are all terribly impressive,” Gunkel said. “They’re very motivated, very ambitious, and they present themselves very well.”

Shané Harris, executive director of the NJ Nets/Devils Foundation; John Gunkel, director of R-N’s Honors College; R-N scholarship recipients Gary Smirny and Christina Chai; and Peter McMullen, executive vice president for the New Jersey Devils.
Richard McCormick, 19th president of Rutgers, was feted April 8 at a colloquium addressing the critical role of urban research universities in the future development of metropolitan America, and at a reception afterwards where he enthusiastically greeted members of the Rutgers-Newark university community.

The presentations at the colloquium included research topics as diverse as a history of Newark’s rise and fall and present rise again, the effects of cocaine use on maternal behavior, the role of race in sexual harassment lawsuits and the active intervention of the university in mitigating violent crime in Newark. Panel moderator Marc Holzer, chair of public administration and head of the executive committee of the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, noted, “The Newark campus is well-positioned for an evolution into one of the great urban universities of America.”

McCormick agreed. “Once again, I’m reminded of what an extraordinary urban university we have in Rutgers-Newark. I am greatly impressed by the relevance of this research to this city.” He added, “I see the research that we’ve heard here today as a powerful way to connect even more deeply to the state.”

The reception following the colloquium included performances by the Rutgers University Chorus (Newark Campus) and The Jazz Mosaic.

Convocation Ceremonies to Feature Distinguished Speakers

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NEWARK COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, May 22, 4:30 p.m., Norman Samuels Plaza
Prior to assuming the state’s highest office in 2002, commencement speaker New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey had already assembled an impressive political resume. As mayor of Woodbridge – the state’s sixth largest municipality – McGreevey demonstrated leadership on health-care issues that caught the attention of both President Clinton, who appointed him to the National Cancer Advisory Board, and of his peers, who named him chair of the United States Conference of Mayors Subcommittee on Health Insurance. Earlier in his career, McGreevey served as a member of the state assembly and then of the state senate. During his tenure in the legislature, he was a key sponsor of the Pollution Protection Act, and he also penned the legislation creating a permanent New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. As governor, McGreevey has been an outspoken opponent of sprawl and an advocate of planned growth in the state.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, May 22, 1:30 p.m., Golden Dome Athletic Center
College of Nursing Dean Felissa Lashley will address the school’s graduates in her inaugural year in the position. An expert on genetics, infectious diseases and HIV/AIDS care, Lashley is widely published on these topics and has received numerous accolades, including the American Journal of Nursing’s Book-of-the-Year Award for Clinical Genetics in Nursing Practice. At Rutgers-Newark, she has spoken out about the growing shortage of registered nurses and its implications for the compelling healthcare needs of New Jersey residents.

RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL-NEWARK AND NEW BRUNSWICK, May 23, 10 a.m., Norman Samuels Plaza
George Abercrombie, president and CEO of Roche North American Pharmaceuticals Operations, will address Rutgers Business School graduates. He began his ascent to the leadership of one of the world’s largest pharmaceutical corporations as a pharmacist. Abercrombie eventually became senior vice president of U.S. commercial operations at international pharmaceutical giant GlaxoWellcome, where his responsibilities included...continued on page 6
oversight of sales and marketing, electronic commerce, disease management and late-state clinical drug studies. He joined Roche in 2001. He has served on the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Advisory Board, among others.

Richard Langhorne, founder and co-director of the Center for Global Change and Governance (CGCG) at Rutgers-Newark and professor of political science, has long been at the forefront of research into the effects of economic and cultural globalization on international relationships. Prior to developing the CGCG, he had been director of the Centre of International Studies at the University of Cambridge and later director and chief executive of Wilton Park, British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. His most recent book is *A Guide to International Relations and Diplomacy*, and he has been a frequent television news commentator on the war with Iraq.

**RUTGERS SCHOOL OF LAW-NEWARK, May 30, 10 a.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center**

Peter Harvey, who became the first African-American acting New Jersey Attorney General in the state's history this year, will speak at the School of Law commencement. Prior to his previous role as first assistant attorney general of New Jersey, Harvey prosecuted cases involving organized crime, narcotics, bank robbery and credit-card fraud as an assistant U.S. attorney for the N.J. district. In his later position as special assistant to the state's attorney general, he took a leadership role in drafting New Jersey's assault firearms law.

Elizabeth Blume Silverstein, who at the precocious age of 18 became a member of the first graduating class of the New Jersey Law School (later to become the Rutgers School of Law-Newark) in 1911, was the first woman to practice law in Essex County and one of the first women to practice trial law in the entire state of New Jersey.

Her commitment to social causes wasn't defined solely by gender. In 1936, she helped co-found the World Jewish Congress with husband and prominent New York attorney Max Silverstein and others.

The new lecture series is endowed by Larry Bathgate II ('64), a Rutgers-Newark law school classmate of Blume Silverstein’s son, Nathan, and a member of the firm of Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, PC.

Stuart Deutsch, dean of the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, commented, “This has been a wonderful beginning to a great new tradition in the law school.”