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A PERFECT MATCH, A HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP

BY PETER HAIGNEY

With the signing of a formal memorandum of understanding, Rutgers-Newark and the New Jersey Historical Society (NJHS) have taken a major step toward creating a wide range of research, scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities for students, educators and residents throughout New Jersey.

Rutgers-Newark Provost Steven Diner noted that the agreement represents a natural partnership between two organizations that

are key components of Newark's cultural and educational foundations. "We have to take full advantage of all of the extraordinary resources that are clustered within this city," Diner explained. "One of the jewels of this city, the New Jersey Historical Society, is right at our doorstep."

The agreement was signed during a special ceremony conducted during the November 13 conference, "The Long Hot Summers in Retrospect: Urban Unrest in 1960s New Jersey," which was co-sponsored by

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upper left: R-N and NJHS representatives gathered in the society's historic headquarters in Newark. They are: (front row, l-r) NJHS Chairman Thomas Berry and R-N Provost Steven J. Diner; (center row) FAS-N Dean Edward Kirby and NJHS President and CEO Sally Yerkovich; (rear row) R-N Professor Clement Price, Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick and his father, historian Richard P. McCormick.

SALUTE TO DAN MORGENSTERN

BY CARLA CAPIZZI

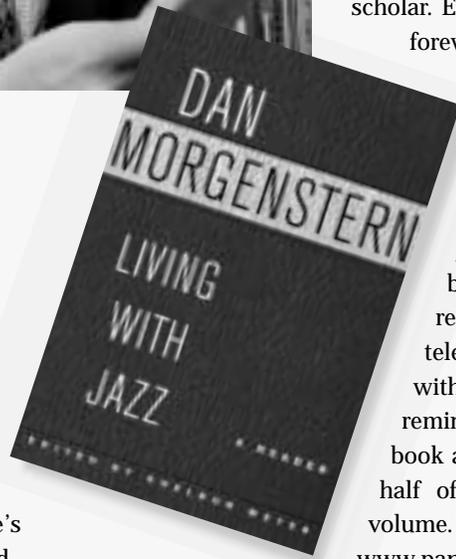


Photo: Ed Berger

A tour of the Institute of Jazz Studies led by Dan Morgenstern is a special treat for any jazz lover; here Morgenstern guides the world renowned trumpeter and band leader Wynton Marsalis through the IJS' treasures.

monograph series *Studies in Jazz*, author of hundreds of articles, and co-author of, or contributor to, numerous jazz books.

To celebrate the publication by Pantheon Books of *Living with Jazz*, Rutgers-Newark sponsored a reception, book-signing, and appropriately, live jazz performances, all held in the John Cotton Dana Library, where the IJS is housed. *Living with Jazz* contains selected essays and writings spanning Morgenstern's career as a revered jazz critic and scholar. Editor Sheldon Meyer describes the book in the foreword as "a monument to Morgenstern's immense contribution to jazz" that reveals the author's "incomparable insights into the entire course of jazz history."



Dan Morgenstern, director of the Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies, the worlds foremost jazz archive, is considered one of the deans of jazz writers. Morgenstern's more than five decades in the jazz field, as historian and writer, include seven years as editor of *Down Beat* magazine, stints as jazz reviewer for several newspapers, editor of the Institute's *Annual Review of Jazz Studies* and

Morgenstern's book includes profiles on jazz legends; liner notes; reviews of records, biographies and concerts; interviews; and reflections on the outreach of jazz into movies, television and dance, all blending factual materials with anecdotes and Morgenstern's personal reminiscences. *Publishers Weekly* has lauded the book as a "stimulating guide to jazz in the second half of the 20th century" and calls it a "monumental volume." Information about the book is available at www.pantheonbooks.com

THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

BY CARLA CAPIZZI

Provost Steven J. Diner was back in the classroom in November, but this time in a high school freshman honors English class. Provost Diner was a guest lecturer at Newark's Shabazz High School as part of Teach for America Week. His lesson examined the history of immigration to America, including how discriminatory laws restricted immigration to favor Western European nations until the laws were changed in the 1960s.

In November, Provost Diner also was one of three civic leaders recognized, along with their organizations, by Leadership Newark, Inc., as an outstanding Community Partner who provided "consistent support of the Leadership Newark mission" while the program develops leaders for the City of Newark. Diner was cited for sharing the campus's faculty and research resources with Leadership Newark and overall support.

Provost Diner responds to a question from a Shabazz High School student.



Photo: Shelley Kusnetz

Familiar Faces, New Jobs

Leadership changes for the campus have moved Martin B. Ryan into the position of Associate Vice Provost for Facilities, while Darryl Holloman has been appointed Associate Dean and Director of the Paul Robeson Campus Center.

Ryan is well known for his work as director of R-N's Physical Plant for eight years, and as "a role model for quality improvement to campus services," according to Provost Steven J. Diner. Ryan is responsible for design, construction, and project management functions for all facilities projects. In addition, he oversees the office of campus safety.

Holloman, a relative newcomer to the campus, has served with distinction since 2003 as assistant dean in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs-NCAS. He has worked in higher education for more than 12 years, in a range of academic and student affairs positions. Diner noted that Holloman "has vastly expanded activities in these areas at R-N, and infused them with new energy and vitality."

Matters of Life and Death

Scenarios ranging from terrorist attacks that sealed off the nation's borders, to the possible poisoning of drinking water systems, were among the public safety challenges examined during a homeland security forum at R-N this fall. The forum brought experts from seven New Jersey universities active in analyzing homeland security issues and developing pre-planned responses to formulate rapid, well-coordinated reactions to a variety of threats.

The symposium was organized by the Center for the Study of Public Security, which is sponsored by the Rutgers-Newark School of Criminal Justice, the Center for Global Change and Governance, and Rutgers School of Law-Newark, working with support from the Rutgers University Homeland Security Research Initiative.

The symposium included a keynote address by Richard Kelly, assistant special agent in charge and second-in-command, CounterTerrorism & CounterIntelligence, FBI New Jersey.



GlassRoots Campaign Heats Up with Major Grant

Walk one block east of Rutgers Business School to find the Bleeker Street home of GlassRoots, a visual arts, urban education and business project that is sponsored by the school's Business and the Arts program. GlassRoots, where dozens of urban schoolchildren are learning the art of glassmaking and entrepreneurship, recently received a major \$250,000 challenge grant from Edison Properties Charitable Trust of Newark. According to program founder

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R-N CALENDAR

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Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark, Radio City Music Hall, and Princeton University. Professor John Floreen, who conducts the chorus, will travel with the group to Scotland, for its fifth European Concert Tour in May of 2005.

DEC. 12 - 13

Sounds of the Holidays

The Rutgers-Newark University Chorus presents a "Holiday Choral Concert" Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 528 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. The performance will include Advent and Christmas carols, Hanukah folksongs and African-American spirituals.

On Dec. 13, the Chorus will perform a free holiday concert in the lobby of PSE&G, Park Place, Newark, 11:45 to 12:20 p.m.

The concerts will be performed in memory of the late Dr. David Messineo, who had accompanied the Rutgers University Chorus since 1996. Messineo was well known for his work with the Rutgers Chorus, with



Alida Fish, *Good Life Bay*

OPENING JAN. 18

A Trip in the Country: Contemporary Landscape Photography

An exhibit at the Paul Robeson Campus Center Art Gallery, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.



Photo: Courtesy of GlassRoots

Artist's rendering of the GlassRoots hotshop.

Pat Kettenring, the grant will allow for “finishing off our 100-year-old stable into a hotshop, a space in which glass is melted, blown, reheated and formed into glistening orbs and tubes, all of which takes time, talent, focus and strength.” GlassRoots has been operating for four years with classes in bead glassmaking, graphic design, and basic business and entrepreneurial concepts. For more information, please visit www.glassroots.org.

History Professor Honored For Best Law Book

The prestigious “Scribes” award has been bestowed on a book co-written by History Professor Jonathan Lurie. *The Slaughterhouse Cases: Regulation, Reconstruction and the Fourteenth Amendment*, was selected by the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects as the year’s best law book. Dr. Lurie and Dr. Ronald Labbe’s book — the first scholarly history of the Slaughterhouse Cases — focuses on the United States Supreme Court’s examination and interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which was ratified in 1868 to protect the rights of newly freed slaves. The amendment’s first test came in 1873 when white butchers in New Orleans, Louisiana, challenged their state’s approval of a monopoly slaughterhouse in a designated section of the city.

A Bit of R-N in Tokyo

Rutgers-Newark Visual and Performing Arts professor Edin Velez still finds it

difficult to believe that his work is currently featured in the expansive *Modern Means* exhibit at the new Mori Museum in Tokyo, Japan.

The work of Velez, a pioneer in experimental video art, is exhibited among 250 works of painting, sculpture, drawings, photography, print, architecture, design and electronic media art featured in the Mori Museum’s inaugural exhibit. The exhibit’s organizers describe it as a landmark survey that presents a coherent narrative of the development of modern art from the end of the 19th century to the present.

All of the works in *Modern Means* were selected from the vast collection of New York’s Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Velez’s 1980 work *Meta Mayan II* depicts the indigenous population of Guatemala and is described by the artist as “an experimental approach to documentary making.”



Photo: Rqje Star-Ledger



AN ORDINARY HERO

Peter Rodino (left) discusses his role in Watergate as Professor Gerald Pomper listens in.

Former U.S. Rep. Peter Rodino was an ordinary American just doing his job as a public official during the Watergate hearings and impeachment proceedings against then-President Richard Nixon. That’s the how author Gerald M. Pomper, emeritus Board of Governors Professor of Political Science at Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics, sees Rodino. Pomper selected Rodino as one of his heroes in *Ordinary Heroes and American Democracy*, his Pulitzer Prize-nominated book.

Rodino and Pomper appeared together in the Paul Robeson Campus Center in October as part of a special program sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa. Rodino was named an honorary member of the honor society, while Pomper discussed his book. Rodino also recalled his role during Watergate and compared the impeachment proceedings for Richard Nixon to those for William Clinton. The Newark native, now 95, was chair of the House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate hearings following the 1972 presidential election.

PEER REVIEW: BUZSÁKI AND ROSENBLATT NAMED AAS FELLOWS

BY MIKE SUTTON

Fellow researchers think two scientists from Rutgers-Newark are among the best in their fields, naming them to one of the most prestigious honors awarded. They have selected György Buzsáki and Jay Rosenblatt as American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows for 2004.

Buzsáki, a Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Neuroscience, and Daniel S. Lehrman Professor of Psychobiology

Jay Rosenblatt, received the prestigious honor after being selected by their scientific peers.

The Association (AAAS) is the world's largest general scientific society and publishes the journal *Science*.

Buzsáki, who is on the faculty of the Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, was recognized for his "fundamental work in understanding the complexity of structure and function" of the hippocampus — a part of the brain that oversees memory and learning — and its relationship to other regions of the brain.

Rosenblatt was cited for his groundbreaking contributions to "the understanding of the hormonal, sensory, experiential and functional dimensions of maternal behavior," the factors that cause a mammal to act in a maternal fashion.

Rosenblatt and Buzsáki join a prestigious list of R-N's AAAS fellows: Phipps Arabie, Douglas Carroll, and George Farris, all of the Rutgers Business School; and Doina Ganea, Frank Jordan and Judith Weis, all of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark.

SHAFER NAMED BOARD OF GOVERNORS PROFESSOR

BY DAVE MUHA

An "original and deep thinker" whose research has had "global implications and significantly influenced existing research in the field of probability and statistics" is the Newark campus's newest Rutgers Board of Governors (BOG) honoree. The BOG named Glenn Shafer, professor of accounting and information systems at the Rutgers Business School—Newark and New Brunswick (RBS), as a BOG Professor, which recognizes exceptional scholarship and accomplishment by a faculty member at the full professorial rank.

Shafer is best known for the Dempster-Shafer theory of belief functions, widely used today in expert systems. The most frequently cited member of the RBS faculty, he is the author of 69 refereed scholarly papers in disciplines ranging from philosophy to artificial intelligence.

Glenn Shafer (left) with newly appointed Board Chairman and R-N alumnus Albert R. Gamper.



As director of the Rutgers Ph.D. in Management program, Shafer has been responsible for redesigning the Ph.D. curriculum, working with the faculty to obtain additional and flexible funding for doctoral students, increasing the quality and diversity of the student body and introducing an innovative professional development series.

Rutgers President Richard McCormick has praised Shafer as "an original and deep thinker who has made seminal contributions to numerous disciplines."

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the NJHS and R-N's Institute on Culture, Ethnicity and the Modern Experience. Rutgers University President Richard McCormick, who attended the conference and signing ceremony, commented, "As an historian and the son of an historian, I am excited and gratified to see this relationship grow and prosper."

The formal collaboration will lead to a host of new programs and scholarship opportunities, including:

- A new Ph.D. program at Rutgers-Newark in American Studies with an emphasis upon public scholarship

- Undergraduate internships and training in research, curatorial functions, and museum management
- Development of a history high school with the Newark Public Schools and an enhanced four-year curriculum in American History
- Partnerships with Newark's education, community and social service organizations to promote life-long learning for New Jersey's diverse communities
- Expanding and deepening New Jersey history education for teachers and their students
- Statewide interactive programs for school children through access to advanced technology.

BETTER PREPARED: COLLEGE OF NURSING ESTABLISHES CENTER

BY MIGUEL TERSY

Since the events of 9/11, early recognition, immediate response and prompt treatment during disaster conditions have become a high priority among law enforcement officials and healthcare providers.

"Nurses are the largest group of health care providers to respond first in the event of a bioterrorism attack, an infectious disease outbreak, or other emergency situation," said Felissa R. Lashley, dean and professor of the College of Nursing, who oversees the school's recently established Center for Bioterrorism and Emerging Infectious Diseases Preparedness, "Trained nurses are needed to spot symptoms caused by a biological weapon or an emerging infectious disease while protecting themselves and notifying the appropriate authorities."

The Center for Bioterrorism and Emerging Infectious Diseases Preparedness is a primary source of information, education, and research initiatives relating to

Dean Felissa Lashley is leading the College of Nursing's efforts to improve the training of nurses for bioterrorism and emerging infectious diseases.

biological and chemical agents, as well as emerging infectious diseases for nurses, nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals.

Among the Center's activities is an online course offering for New Jersey's advanced practice nurses. The content of the course, "Medical Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction," includes case studies of specific acts of terrorism and appropriate health care provider responses within several modules.



Photo: Nick Romanenko

The College of Nursing has also purchased a new training tool, a state-of-the-art patient simulator, to teach students to render emergency nursing care in real-time situations that will include various types of terrorist attacks. Using a computer keyboard to direct the software, the instructor presents students with real-life scenarios, and then evaluates their performance in treating the patient in a simulated emergency.

The Center for Bioterrorism and Emerging Infectious Diseases Preparedness recently held its first annual Emerging Infectious Diseases Conference at Rutgers-Newark's Paul Robeson Campus Center. The conference attracted leaders from such fields as nursing, public health, pharmacy, social work, law enforcement and criminal justice.

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