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Mary Puryear, program officer for The Prudential Foundation, (right) accepts congratulations from Chancellor Steven J. Diner at the 2009 Chancellor’s Community Engagement Awards ceremony. More than 4,000 fugitives took part in the four-day Safe Surrender program convened in Newark with assistance from the Rutgers Police Institute in November. Puryear accepted the Community Partner Award from Rutgers-Newark on behalf of The Prudential Foundation, which was recognized for its “support and partnership which reinforce our organizations’ mutual interest in developing the surrounding community.” Six other award recipients, all from the Rutgers community, also were honored for “exemplary leadership in connecting the campus with the community.” For more photos and information, go to www.newark.rutgers.edu/community.

Professor Henry Martin talks about composing “A Gershwin Mosaic”

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Community Engagement Awards

Community Partners Spotlight:
REV. HOWARD AND BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

By Ferlanda Fox Nixon

Rev. M. William Howard Jr. accepted the call to lead Newark’s Bethany Baptist Church a decade ago. Shortly thereafter, Bethany founded Bethany Cares, Inc., a community development corporation, to enhance the church’s outreach capacity. Bethany Cares serves families and young people from all walks of life.

Defense Fund, the U. S. Marshals Service and local law enforcement agencies, the City of Newark, Essex County, Rutgers and several local nonprofit agencies to further its community engagement initiatives. The Fugitive Safe Surrender program is a shining example of such alliances (see The Rutgers Police Institute Plays Critical Role in U.S. Fugitive Safe Surrender, page 1).

Widely respected in different sectors, Howard chartered Mayor Cory Booker’s transition team and the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission, which led to the abolition of capital punishment in New Jersey. Former president of both the National Council of Churches and the New York Theological Seminary, his other past and present leadership positions include membership on the boards of the National Urban League, The Independent Sector, Children’s Defense Fund, and Rutgers Board of Governors. He was a founding member of the Newark Community Foundation and has chaired the Rutgers Board of Governors since 2007. The recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees, Howard is a graduate of Morehouse College and Princeton Theological Seminary.

Whether opening the doors of the church’s food pantry and clothes closet, tutoring elementary students, preparing juvenile offenders for release and reentry, or tackling other urgent societal issues, Howard and Bethany endeavor to recruit, equip and deploy persons for service worldwide.

"Long before I arrived, Bethany had successfully established a tradition of advocacy for quality education for its congregants and Newark residents," said Howard. "I have helped to round out our church’s extensive menu of outreach services with my own social vision and experience."

Finding success through strategic collaborations, Howard and Bethany have partnered with New Jersey’s Juvenile Justice Commission, the Children’s Community Engagement Awards, Rutgers Police Institute... from page 1

Todd Clear, a distinguished criminal justice scholar and former Rutgers professor, will rejoin the university on March 1 to serve as dean of the School of Criminal Justice (SCJ).

“We are very pleased to welcome Todd Clear back to Rutgers as dean of our School of Criminal Justice,” said Chancellor Steven J. Diner. “During his tenure at Rutgers and at John Jay College, Clear developed a well-deserved reputation as a major scholar in the field of criminal justice, widely known for his advocacy of evidence-based practice. With his expertise in the use of criminal justice research to reduce crime, he will make a significant contribution to Rutgers’ tradition and practice of community engagement.”

Clear was a member of the SCJ faculty from 1978-96, during which time he also served as vice president of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency from 1991-93. From 1996-99, he served as associate dean of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at The Florida State University. In 1999, he joined John Jay College as a distinguished professor. He previously taught at Ball State and DePaul universities. He earned his master’s and doctoral degrees at the School of Criminal Justice at S.U.N.Y. Albany, and did his undergraduate work in sociology at Anderson College in Indiana.

PROMINENT SCHOLAR RETURNS TO RUTGERS TO HEAD SCJ

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The Police Institute helped facilitate all aspects of the program, seamlessly coordinating the efforts of various federal, state and local governmental, faith-based and community-based institutions serving Essex and Union counties. "We began the planning process in March, working closely with the partner agencies and training a corps of more than 200 volunteers," said Wayne Fisher, executive director of the Police Institute and program facilitator of the Newark FSS program. A number of volunteers were Rutgers students and staff.

Bethany Baptist Church, led by Rutgers Board of Governors Chair Rev. M. William Howard Jr., heed the call to serve (see Rev. Howard and Bethany Baptist Church) along with other charitable organizations. The Salvation Army provided soup, hot chocolate and coffee, while a local synagogue prepared sandwiches. Volunteers served food, provided administrative assistance and assisted fugitives from the surrender site, Bethany Baptist Church, to the adjudication site, New Community Corporation/The Priory.

Given the high probability for confusion and calamity, all four days went off without a hitch. “A spirit of cooperation prevails,” noted Lori Scott-Pickens, director of Community Outreach for the Police Institute and program coordinator of the Newark FSS program. “Witnessing the relief on the faces of the fugitives who turned themselves in was priceless. This definitely was the most rewarding community outreach endeavor in which I’ve ever participated.”
MTW Lecture: 30 Years of Making History While Studying It

The Marion Thompson Wright (MTW) Lecture Series is named for a pioneering New Jerseyan who was the first African-American woman to earn a PhD in history in the U.S., so it seems appropriate that another groundbreaking female historian will be the keynote speaker this year. Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Rutgers Board of Governors Professor Annette Gordon-Reed, whose book "When They Call Us Names" was shortlisted for the National Book Award and many other honors, will speak on Feb. 20, the second day of a two-day program marking 30 years of celebrating African-American history and scholarship. This year’s program, "Laboring in the Vineyard: Scholarship and Citizenship," will bring back MTW lecturers from the past three decades.

For three decades, this free public conference has drawn thousands to the Paul Robeson Campus Center during Black History Month to hear lectures by some of the nation’s foremost scholars. As one of the oldest and most prestigious events of its kind, MTW offers a forum for scholars and non-academics alike to exchange ideas and study issues with a deep impact on American and African-American history.

The late historian Giles R. Wright II co-founded the MTW series with Rutgers Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor Clement A. Price. The 2010 conference is dedicated in memory of Wright and historian John Hope Franklin. MTW is co-sponsored by the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience; the Federated Department of History, Rutgers-Newark and NJIT; and the New Jersey Historical Commission, Department of State.

A New Direction for Undergraduate Education

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark (FAS-N) has approved a new cross-disciplinary undergraduate curriculum that reaffirms the value of liberal arts education yet is more relevant to today’s world, where individuals with diverse skills are valued, such as a scientist who knows business management. It also leverages the campus’s strengths as a major urban research university serving a diverse mix of both traditional and non-traditional students.

The new curriculum, to be implemented in fall 2012, impacts undergraduates in FAS-N, Rutgers Business School, the School of Public Affairs & Administration, and the School of Criminal Justice. All will be required to declare both a major and second concentration, one of which must be in liberal arts. The second concentration can be in the form of a second major or a minor, or enrollment in a dual baccalaureate/master’s program.

Honoring Women Professors Who Pioneered Change

Some pioneers set out to change the world, but women faculty members Dorothy Dinnerstein (psychology) and Helen Strausser (zoology) only wanted women faculty at Rutgers to be treated the same as their male counterparts. So, back in 1971, they spearheaded a federal gender bias complaint against Rutgers, specifically the Newark College of Arts and Sciences (NCAS), charging discrimination against female faculty in several aspects, including the number of hires, salaries, promotion opportunities and tenure.

There were only eight female tenured faculty in NCAS then, and all of them, led by Dinnerstein and Strausser, signed the complaint on behalf of all female faculty. The then Department of Health, Education and Welfare reviewed their carefully researched documentation of salaries and bonus payments throughout the school, as well as promotions, and agreed, ordering Rutgers to adjust pay scales for women to be equitable with male professors and to make retroactive payments to the female faculty to offset the previous inequities. Their fight for fairness forever changed Rutgers.

This past fall, during a Hill Hall ceremony and plaque-unveiling, Dinnerstein and Strausser were remembered by colleagues who were part of the fight for equality, and hailed by younger female professors who benefitted from their courage. A history of the professors’ actions is being written with funding from a NSF grant to RU-FAIR (Rutgers University for Faculty Advancement and Institutional Re-Imagination).
As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, the Paul Robeson Galleries has gained a collection of 30 original drawings depicting “some truly intriguing creatures” in the words of Director and Curator Anonda Bell.

To celebrate its anniversary, the galleries invited artists from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to play the art game the Exquisite Corpse, a favorite activity developed by the early 20th century surrealists. A total of 92 artists responded. The galleries’ version divided the artists into groups of three to collaborate on a drawing, but none of them was to know what the other had contributed to the piece. Drawing paper was divided into three sections, and the first artist was asked to contribute something resembling a head. That drawing then was hidden from view and the paper mailed to the second artist to provide a torso. The piece then was mailed to the third artist who was to add something resembling a base.

“We wanted to do something interactive that reflected the many voices of the people who have been and are involved in the gallery, its history and moving it forward,” explained Bell.

Artists participating in the project ranged from a recent Rutgers graduate to those with more than 25 years of experience, and included both those long familiar to the galleries and several new artists. More than just a game, the “drawings mark a particular point in time when a community was formed,” noted Bell.

As a result of the project, both the artists and the galleries have expanded their network within the regional arts community.

“(T)his is... a really great occasion to get artists of the three-states area together and to get to know each other and exchange ideas and opinions about art and have a great time,” said artist Roberto Osti of the experience. Osti drew the head for Drawing #6. The resulting drawings have become part of the galleries’ permanent collection and are on display in the main gallery through April 8. To protect them, they then will be kept in storage and rotated for display in the Paul Robeson Campus Center. Several of the artists who participated in the game also will lead Exquisite Corpse drawing sessions this semester for children and other city residents as part of the galleries’ community outreach programs.

For more information, go to http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/artgallery and click on “Exhibitions.”

**Artists:**

- Drawing #2, Jen Keshka, Tara Reyes Paez, David Rios Ferreira
- Drawing #6, Roberto Osti, Suhee Wooh, Alina Poroshina

All works are courtesy of the artists and Paul Robeson Galleries.

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**An Athlete Who Inspires**

By Carla Capizzi

Imagine being a rookie pitcher, facing off against your opponents’ best hitters. Now imagine only being able to fully use one hand for both pitching and catching. But freshman Bryan Sullivan persevered, pitching 10 innings in his first season with the Scarlet Raiders, and is looking forward to spring ball.

Bryan, a Paramus native, was born with cerebral palsy and suffers with right hemiparesis, a weakness that affects the right side of his body. Bryan was a top pitcher for the Paramus High School Spartans. As Paramus’ opening day starter on April 1, 2009 against Kennedy HS, he threw a one-hitter for the victory, his first of five wins in six varsity starts. Bryan also threw a no-hitter against Eastside HS on May 20, 2009, then defeated Ridgewood HS in the season finale to clinch the Spartans’ NNJIL Division A title. His accomplishments earned him the 2009 Charlie McGill Scholarship Award from The Record newspaper; the prestigious EP Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award, presented on the field of Yankee Stadium during a pre-game ceremony; and the Bob LeWinter Award from the Senger County Umpires Association. Bryan’s record also caught the attention of Rutgers-Newark baseball coach Mark Rizzi.

Rutgers-Newark baseball coach Mark Rizzi, as they overpowered Harvard and Northwestern universities, who had dominated the finals for several years. The team received a $15,000 award from the Moody’s Foundation, with a $10,000 split among teammates Lakshya Aeri, Shanissa Barrow, Victor Castaneda, Diego LaFuente and Michael Martins. The remaining $5,000 is awarded to the Economics Department.

In the Fed Challenge, five-student teams each give a 20-minute presentation analyzing the current state of the economy, offering an economic forecast, and recommending a monetary policy stance by the Fed. Judges then question the team for 15 minutes about monetary policy and macroeconomics.

A total of 30 teams began the Fed Challenge in early November, but only four made it to Washington, D.C.