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SUNY College at Oneonta

120th COMMENCEMENT NEWS

ATTENTION: FACULTY AND STAFF PARTICIPATING IN COMMENCEMENT

The 120th Commencement ceremonies on **Saturday, May 16, 2009** will be in the **Alumni Field House, Dewar Arena**. There will be two individual ceremonies. The first will be at **10AM** for students majoring in Communication Arts, Science and Social Science, Languages, and Economics and Business. The second ceremony will be at **12Noon** for students majoring in Human Ecology and Sociology, Fine Arts, Psychology, and Education. Both Commencement ceremonies will be identical, and both will be followed by their respective Divisional ceremonies.

Faculty enters through the upper doors to the Dance Studio (on the soccer field side). (Enter left side of building marked Faculty)

• **9:30AM line up** in Alumni Field House – 10AM Ceremony
Communication Arts Science and Social Science Languages Economics and Business

• **11:30AM line up** in Alumni Field House - 12Noon Ceremony
Human Ecology and Sociology Fine Arts Psychology Education

Any faculty/staff still interested in participating email comrelations@oneonta.edu by **Friday, May 1**.

INCLUSION DIVERSITY EQUITY ACTION GRANTS

Inclusion Diversity Equity Action Grants In Support of the College at Oneonta's Strategic Action Plan on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

• **Call:** The IDEA Grants Committee invites members of the campus community to apply for funding for projects or programs that will help to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, <http://www.oneonta.edu/admin/oei/StrategicPlan/StrategicPlan.asp>.

Background: In March 2006, President Alan B. Donovan charged the Office of Equity and Inclusion with the task of creating the College's Strategic Action Plan on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion <http://www.oneonta.edu/admin/oei/StrategicPlan/StrategicPlan.asp>. From August 2006 to December 2007, the Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion worked with a team of staff, faculty and students to create the Plan. Ultimately, the Plan aims to fulfill the College's Statement of Values

<http://www.oneonta.edu/admin/oei/StrategicPlan/SPrs.asp> that recognizes "our common purpose in creating a truly diverse campus community that respects and values each and every member." Purpose: The College's adoption of the Plan requires commitment on the part of all members of the campus community, as well as a commitment of resources. As part of that commitment, and alongside initiatives throughout the college, funding is available for the academic years of 2009-2011 to help put the Plan into practice. Preference will be given to proposals for projects and programming that are collaborative across departments and/or divisions of the College. The average amount of grants will range from \$500 to \$5000 but all requests will be considered. Please note that IDEA grants cannot be used for salaries and benefits and are subject to New York State guidelines for expenditures.

• **Application Deadline:** Follow this link to apply for grants, <https://helpdesk.oneonta.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1238603869968>. Deadline is **August 3, 2009**.

• **Notification of Grants:** The IDEA Grants Committee <http://www.oneonta.edu/admin/oei/StrategicPlan/IDEA/committee.asp> will make recommendations to

the President's Cabinet, which will then make its final decisions by the end of **August 2009**. Additional calls for proposals may be made as funding becomes available.

BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING AND COUNSELING PROGRAM PROPOSAL FORM

Attached to the end of this edition of the *Bulletin* is the proposal form for the *Best Practices in Teaching and Counseling* conference that will take place on **Friday, October 30**. **Completed forms should be returned by Friday, May 1, 2009**. For additional information contact **Kjersti VanSlyke-Briggs** at vanslykb@oneonta.edu.

QUALIFYING EVENTS MAY IMPACT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

A variety of events may impact eligibility for you and/or your dependents for health insurance coverage. These include, but are not limited to, marriage, separation, divorce, birth/death of a dependent, a change in spouse's employment/health coverage, a change in child's age, student status or marital status. To ensure that appropriate coverage begins/ends timely, it is imperative that employees contact Human Resources prior to, or within 7 days following, a qualifying event. If anyone has any questions, contact **Human Resources** at **x2509**.

FULBRIGHT STUDENT STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM INFORMATION

Attention: All Faculty and Staff - The *Fulbright Student Study Abroad Program* will begin accepting applications for next year's program beginning on **Friday, May 1, 2009**. If you have students who might be interested in applying for a Fulbright Scholarship to study or teach abroad, they should attend the informational session being held on campus on **Monday, May 4**, from **6:30-7:30PM**. This very competitive program will be offering over 1500 national scholarships next year! In order to apply for next year's scholarships, students must graduate by **May 2010** and be a U.S. Citizen. In order to be competitive, they should also have a 3.5 GPA. If students are NOT ready to graduate in 2010, but are interested in the Fulbright program, they should still attend to get information for next year's program and to begin developing a competitive resume!! Please see additional information **attached to the end of this edition of the *Bulletin***. For further info, please contact **Karen Joest**, Human Ecology, at joestk@oneonta.edu or **x2063** or www.fulbright.org.

MILNE LIBRARY HOURS FOR MAY

Finals Week – May 7-13 (Extended Hours May 4-10)

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| Monday, May 4 – Thursday, May 7 | 8 AM – 1 AM | (Reference Desk closes at 11 PM) |
| Friday, May 8 | 8 AM – 11 PM | |
| Saturday, May 9 | Noon – 11 PM | |
| Sunday, May 10 | Noon – 1 AM | (Reference Desk closes at 11 PM) |
| Monday, May 11 – Tuesday, May 12 | 8 AM – Midnight | (Reference Desk closes at 11 PM) |
| Wednesday, May 13 | 8 AM – 6 PM | |

Intersession Hours (May 12-May 25)

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| Monday – Friday | 8 AM – 4:30 PM |
| Saturday & Sunday | CLOSED |
| Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) | CLOSED |

ACCESS TO CHASE P.E. BUILDING LIMITED FOR SUMMER

The Chase P.E. Building will be undergoing asbestos tile removal and access to the gymnasium and offices will be limited to the front door and Netzer/dance studio entrance while the work is going on. The swimming pool will not be open this summer and access to the fitness center and racquetball courts will be severely restricted until all the flooring renovations are complete. Both locker rooms will have very limited access as well. Please phone the **P.E. Office** at **x3595** to check on availability throughout the summer.

CONTINUING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN GRADUATING OR LEAVING SCHOOL

Employees' unmarried children currently enrolled under employees' health plans may qualify for three

months of extended health insurance coverage if **1)** they are graduating from high school or college or have completed a semester as a full time student **AND 2)** they are between the ages of 18 and 25. Forms to extend coverage for those graduating should be completed and submitted to Human Resources **NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE STUDENT COMPLETES HIS/HER COURSEWORK FOR GRADUATION.** Employees' unmarried children currently enrolled under employees' health plans can continue their coverage under COBRA if **1)** they are leaving mid-semester, but not graduating from high school/college or changing student status to less than full time **AND 2)** they are between the ages of 18 and 25. To enroll in COBRA, dependents must contact the **Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Civil Service** at **1-800-833-4344** prior to or immediately after leaving school to avoid cancellation of coverage. Please contact **Human Resources** at **x2509** for forms and information.

REMINDER ON POSTING GRADES

Federal law (FERPA) prohibits posting grades using student names and/or identification numbers. However, it is permissible to post by code name or number (not the Oneonta I.D. number, social security number, or any part thereof) agreed to by the student and the faculty member. Wherever you post grades, please scramble the names on the roster before assigning codes so that the list does not reflect an alphabetical listing of your roster. It is also against FERPA regulations to leave students' graded work in a general pick up area. Graded course work must be returned individually to students. Please be aware that under no circumstances may a listing of student names and ID numbers, or any part thereof, be posted for any reason. Violations of this law can result in termination of Federal funding to the college. Questions regarding the privacy of student records should be directed to **Maureen P. Artale, College Registrar** at **x3216** or via e-mail at artalemp@oneonta.edu.

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION MUST BE SHREDDED

This is a reminder to all faculty and staff from the Registrar's Office and the Office of Human Resources. Any printed material that contains either student or employee personally identifiable information must be shredded. It cannot be thrown into the garbage or with the recyclables. Employees who do not have access to departmental shredders can use the shredder that is located in the Print Shop, in the basement of the Administration Building. Questions regarding student information should be referred to **Maureen P. Artale, College Registrar**, at **x3216**. Questions regarding employee information should be referred to the **Office of Human Resources** at **x2509**.

END OF YEAR SPENDING DEADLINE

Tuesday, May 19, is the last day to commit departmental funds for procurement and travel in amounts less than \$20,000 for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Purchases of \$20,000 or more should already be submitted. Please contact the **Purchasing Office** at **x3386** for any questions or problems.

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PAPERS TO AN ANTI-PLAGIARISM SERVICE

If you are using an anti-plagiarism service such as www.turnitin.com, you must remove the student's name and assign a code name to each paper you submit. The code name must not be the student's ID number or any part thereof and should only be known to you. Using the student's name or ID number is a violation of the student's FERPA rights because you are releasing personally identifiable information without his/her written consent. If you have any questions on FERPA please contact **Maureen P. Artale, College Registrar** at **x3216** or via e-mail at artalemp@oneonta.edu.

SENIOR ART SHOW

A new exhibition, the Senior Art Show: but before we go... is available for viewing in the Project Space Gallery until **Thursday, May 7**. The closing reception will also take place on **May 7** from **5-6PM**. For additional information please contact **Tim Sheesley** at **x2445**.

PROGRAM ON PERSONALITY DISORDERS – TODAY

Dr. Mark Lenzenweger, Distinguished Professor of Psychology at SUNY Binghamton, will present a program on *Personality Disorders: Nature, Epidemiology, and Impact* at the **Morris Conference Center**

today, **Wednesday, April 29**, at **7PM**. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. The program is open to the campus and the community. It is sponsored by the Otsego County Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Counseling Center. Please see information **attached to the end of this edition of the *Bulletin***. For additional information contact **Mark Rice** at **x3368**.

VIDEO ABOUT DECREASING BARRIERS TO EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS - TODAY

Last year, a team of faculty members and students at the College was awarded a grant through the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Campus Action Project (CAP), which was used to create a multi-media project about issues and barriers faced by low-income and minority women attending a rural four-year college. The group will premiere the video created through the grant, *Decreasing Barriers, Planting SEEDS: Success in Education through understanding Equity and Diversity in Students*, **today, Wednesday, April 29**, at **7PM** in the **Hunt College Union Ballroom**. Admission to the event is complimentary, and members of the community are invited to attend. The SUNY Oneonta CAP Team, consists of 11 minority and low-income students attending the SUNY College at Oneonta and supported by campus project advisors. The student-produced documentary features interviews with students, as well as images of life and obstacles on campus and in the greater community. It also explores ways in which some challenges have been overcome. The video is supplemented by a toolkit that provides additional information about barriers, obstacles, and ways in which to decrease various challenges. Student members of the SUNY Oneonta CAP team included **Katherine Mendoza, Amanda Vasquez, Amber Chapman, Chelsie Steinbacher, Chris Rodriguez, Dania Valdes, Guillermo Reyes, Kasey Scheiner, Katelyn Peters, Sara Gaudioso, and Tara Smith**. **Karen Joest**, Human Ecology, served as project advisor with **Caridad Souza-Watkins**, Women's and Gender Studies and Africana and Latino Studies, serving as co-project advisor. Other members of the team were Student Development Associate **Dale Capristo**, Health Educator **Rebecca Harrington**, Coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center **Robin Nussbaum**, and Director of Creative Media Services **David Geasey**. Additional campus collaborators included the Office of Student Development, Student Association, Office of Equity and Inclusion, AALANA Mentor Program, and Milne Library. More information about the project and the video is available from **Dr. Joest** at **x2063**.

PHILOSOPHICAL TALK – TODAY

The Philosophy Department invites you to think about moral psychology in a presentation by **Reid Blackman** from Colgate University who will discuss, *What it means for a person to have an ideal*, at **8PM today, Wednesday April 29**, in **IRC, LH#3**. For further questions, contact **Achim Koeddermann**, chair, at **koeddea@oneonta.edu**, or phone **x3037**.

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES BROWN BAG – TODAY

Karina Céspedes, Africana & Latino Studies and Women's and Gender Studies, will present, *Decolonial Feminism: Feminist Theorizing Across Landscapes of Disidentification* at the Brown Bag scheduled **today, Wednesday, April 29** at **12noon** in **318 Milne Library**. Not just for Women's and Gender Studies faculty. All are invited to attend. Please join us!

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES GOLF LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – APRIL 30

The second season of the Thursday Night Ladies Golf League is nearly upon us. We are looking for golfers (experienced and non-experienced) to join in on the fun. We will be playing at the **Ouleout Creek Golf Course, Franklin**, with tee off times from **4PM-5PM**. Cost to play will be \$9.00 for 9-hole green fees (and \$9.00 for a cart if you don't want to walk), and \$15.00 League Dues. The season starts on **Thursday, May 21**, and ends on **Thursday, August 13**. If you're interested in joining this league, our organizational meeting will be on **Thursday, April 30** at **5PM** at the **Ouleout Creek Golf Course Club House**. If you can't make the meeting, or have questions about the league, please contact **Deb McClenon** at **mcclendl@oneonta.edu** or **x2871**, or **Rita Szczesh** at **szczesrc@oneonta.edu** or **x3080** for more details.

TERPSICHOREAN TO PRESENT BACKSTAGE PASS: CONFESSIONS OF A CHOREOGRAPHER - APRIL 30 & MAY 1 & 2

Terpsichorean, the student dance company, will present its spring show, *Backstage Pass: Confessions of a Choreographer*, at **8PM** on **Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2**, in the **Goodrich Theater, Fine Arts**. The show will also feature an additional matinee performance at **2PM** on **Saturday, May 2**. Tickets for the performances will be on sale beginning **Monday, April 27**, at the **Goodrich Theater Box Office** from **10AM** until **4PM** until tickets are sold out. Tickets are \$2 for SUNY Oneonta students or \$5 for general admission. Terpsichorean's purpose is to promote the interest of the fine art of dance on the campus and in the community. The group's executive board consists of President **Elyse Smolin**, Vice President **Kristina Micalizzi**, Secretary **Israel Manaloto**, Treasurer **Leona Pcolar**, and Publicist **Claire Albertson**. More information about Terpsichorean is available from **Carol A. Blazina**, the company's advisor, at **x2748**.

SPEAKER TO ADDRESS FAT CELLS, FATTY ACIDS, AND DIABETES – MAY 4

Allan Green of the Bassett Research Institute and the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the College will offer a presentation entitled *Fat Cells, Fatty Acids and Type 2 Diabetes* on **Friday, May 1**, at **4PM** in **room 132, Human Ecology**. Admission to the event is complimentary, and members of the community are invited to attend. Dr. Green will discuss the relationships among fat cells, fatty acids, and type 2 diabetes. He will explore the regulation of adipocyte lipolysis and its importance in understanding the relationship between obesity and diabetes. Research has identified novel mechanisms for regulation of adipocyte lipolysis, and the findings suggest new targets for development of drugs to prevent or treat type 2 diabetes. More information on Dr. Green's presentation is available from **John Schaumloffel**, Chemistry and Biochemistry, at **x3432**.

SYMPHONY TO PERFORM IN FINAL 2008-09 CONCERT – MAY 2

The Catskill Symphony Orchestra will conclude its 2008-09 season at **8PM** on **Saturday, May 2** in the **Hunt Student Union**. Concert highlights will include two works by Giuseppe Verdi, a Violin Concerto by **Karl Goldmark** and the voices of the **SUNY Oneonta Concert Choir**, led by **Robert Barstow**, Music Department. The concert will open with Verdi's Overture to his 1849 opera, *Luisa Miller*, which offers a fine testimony to his gift for melody. The program will then turn to the talents of concertmaster **Michael Emery**, a previous soloist with the CSO, who will play the 1877 *Violin Concerto* by Karl Goldmark, an outstanding Hungarian composer whose accomplishments fell into the shadow of his extremely popular contemporaries – Brahms and Mahler. Emery, whose training includes studies at the Manhattan School of Music, is currently concertmaster and soloist with the Utica, Catskill and Schenectady Symphonies. Among his honors are such major international music festivals as the 1985 Sibelius, the 1988 Spohr and, more recently, the Paganini Competition. The concert will conclude with the SUNY Oneonta Concert Choir singing *Four Sacred Songs* of Verdi, which were written as four separate pieces during the 1880s, and scored for chorus and orchestra. The singer, with the Orchestra, will perform *Lauds to the Virgin Mary* for female chorus, an unusual *Ave Maria* based on what Verdi called *Enigmatic scales*, a *Stabat Mater* with lavish orchestration and, finally, a *Te Deum* with harmonic language which was considered adventurous in its time. Verdi, it has been said, treasured the *Te Deum* so much that he wanted the score buried with him. Bassett Healthcare sponsors this Concert. The concerts of the Catskill Symphony are made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency. The Symphony is grateful to the State University College at Oneonta for its support and for sharing its facilities. As in the past, a generous grant allows any one or two adults to bring any number of children or older students to the performance without charge. Phone **x2670** for more information.

BOX WORLD EVENT SCHEDULED - MAY 5 & 6

Box World is a ten-hour event where students, faculty and friends sleep outside all night with only cardboard boxes and sleeping bags in order to raise awareness for homelessness. This year's event has been scheduled for **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 5 & 6** at **8AM** in the **small quad** between **Chase P.E.** and **Milne Library**. Some boxes will be provided, but all sleepers are asked to bring their own pillows, sleeping bags and boxes if possible. Live music, sleeping under the stars, cardboard boxes, s'mores & fun! Bring a friend and help raise money for our local soup kitchen and awareness for

homelessness at the same time! Our goal is to raise \$200 for The Lord's Table. NRHH is wondering if you or your department would be willing to donate just \$1/hour for ten hours to sponsor a member of your department during the event! Donations can be made in checks or cash. If you could help us in any way with our goal of having at least 30 people sleeping outside & raising \$200 that would be incredible! Contact **Dan Yanik** at yanidj95@oneonta.edu. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE SENIOR CLASS PASS THROUGH THE PILLARS – MAY 6

The College at Oneonta Community is invited to celebrate the Senior Class of 2009 as they *Pass Through the Pillars* on **Wednesday, May 6, at 3PM** in the **quad** below the pillars of Old Main. Music and ice cream provided by the Oneonta Alumni Association. Join the Senior Class as they mark 10 days until graduation. Questions? Want to scoop ice cream? Phone the **Alumni Office** at **x2526**.

PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATIONS DEADLINE – MAY 6

The Public Events Committee is seeking applications to fund projects that would be of interest to the campus and community for the Fall 2009-Spring 2010 semesters. Application forms must be submitted by an active or retired SUNY College at Oneonta faculty or staff member; Must be typed or neatly printed, (word processed attachments are acceptable; and Must contain all requested material. The project should have appeal to both campus and community audiences; include a plan for wide publicity, such as posters, newspaper articles or ads, and radio announcements. An application was attached to the April 22 online edition. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, May 6**. For additional information, please contact **Rene Prins** at prinsr@oneonta.edu.

MUG ONE MEETING – MAY 6

The Macintosh User Group of Oneonta, is pleased to welcome Apple Senior Systems Engineer **Dave Marra** for his eighth annual MUG ONE presentation on **Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30PM** in **Golisano Hall classroom 103, Hartwick College**. Dave will present Apple iLife '09 and iWork-Do More With Your Mac! He will help meeting attendees discover creative new ways to work with digital photos, movies, music and more with iLife. The new iLife '09 suite features exciting new updates to iPhoto, iMovie and GarageBand, in addition to iDVD and iWeb. We'll also explore how easy and fun word processing, spreadsheets and presentations can be with iWork '09. The new iWork '09 productivity suite features major updates to Pages, Numbers and Keynote, and all are compatible with Microsoft Office. iWork and iLife, two great ways to work and play, only on a Mac! As always, the meeting will begin with a question and answer session and end with a door prize drawing for current members and refreshments for all. MUG ONE meetings are free of charge and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For directions, go to <http://www.mugone.com>. For more information, phone **Brian Foley** at **988-7443** or email **Elsa Travisano** at mugone@mac.com.

KENTE GRADUATION CEREMONY – MAY 11 RSVP BY – APRIL 30

The Center for Multicultural Experiences (CME), the Department of Africana/Latino Studies (ALS), and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA), cordially invite the campus community to the first annual *Kente Graduation Celebration*. This is a ceremony to recognize and celebrate the achievements of graduating minority students and their allies. The spring 2009 ceremony will be held on **Monday, May 11, at 6PM** in the **CME, Lee Hall**. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 30 to x3353 or X3452**.

UUP END OF SEMESTER PARTY - MAY 17

UUP will hold its traditional end of semester party on **Sunday, May 17 from 1-4PM** at the **College Camp**, one of the area's treasures. The College Camp provides a spacious, inviting, and picturesque setting for our union party. The lodge at the Camp will allow us to have the party rain or shine. Complimentary Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q lunch, with delicious food and beverages will be served. Although the lodge has inside tables and chairs, outdoor enthusiasts may wish to bring chairs, blankets, folding tables, games, musical instruments, and sports equipment. The College Camp has athletic fields and walking trails. Bring a soccer ball, and **Tom Pullyblank** will organize a town ballgame, a mid-nineteenth century ancestor to baseball. **Kyle Britton** will also coordinate and be one of the performing artists at the party's

music of the worker concert, which will include talented instrumentalists and vocalists from diverse musical genres as well as an audience sing-along. In addition, **Nancy Cannon** will lead a walk for bird watchers. All members of the UUP bargaining unit and their families/significant others are most cordially welcome. To facilitate food planning, a RSVP is required. **To RSVP, please leave a message on the UUP Oneonta voice mail at x2135 and provide your name, telephone number, and the number of family members/significant others, including yourself, who will attend.** Thanks to Special Events Director **Loraine Tyler** for doing a terrific job organizing this special gathering. For further information, contact Loraine at tylerll@oneonta.edu.

ALL-CAMPUS EMPLOYEE PICNIC - MAY 18

The College Enhancement Committee (CEC) invites the College Community to the All-campus Employee Picnic on **Monday, May 18**, from **11:30AM – 1:30PM** under the tent in the **Quad**.

SAVE THE DATE: REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S SYNDROME – OCTOBER 17

On **Saturday, October 17** in the **Hunt College Union**, the *Regional Conference on Autism and Asperger's Syndrome* will take place for the first time on our campus. **Diane Twachtman-Cullen**, Ph.D., CCC-SLP will lead the conference. She is a licensed speech-language pathologist specializing in autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Twachtman-Cullen holds a MA in speech-language pathology, a Sixth Year Diploma in early childhood education, and a Ph.D. in special education. Dr. Twachtman-Cullen is the author of numerous chapters and articles, as well as three books, *A Passion to Believe: Autism and the Facilitated Communication Phenomenon*; *Trevor Trevor*, a metaphor for children designed to increase the sensitivity of typical peers towards their classmates with special needs; and *How to be a Para Pro: A Comprehensive Training Manual* for paraprofessionals. Her book entitled, *How Well Does Your IEP Measure UP?* was coauthored with **Jennifer Twachtman-Reilly**, M.S., CCC-SLP. Dr. Twachtman-Cullen is the editor-in-chief of *Autism Spectrum Quarterly* (www.ASQuarterly.com). She is a member and immediate past co-chairperson of the Panel of Professional Advisors of the Autism Society of America. She serves on several other professional advisory boards, and was recently invited to serve on the National Behavioral Health Quality Advisory Committee for the Aetna Insurance Company. Dr. Twachtman-Cullen is the recipient of the *2006 Divine Neurotypical Award (DNA)* given by the Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership, Inc. (GRASP). She provides consultative services and training seminars internationally on a variety of topics, and has been an invited delegate to the Shafallah Center Forum in Doha, Qatar in 2007 and 2008. Dr. Twachtman-Cullen's consultation agency, ADDCON Center, LLC is located in Higganum, CT (Email address: addconcenter@snet.net). This conference is geared towards family members, administrators and teachers, clergy, psychologists, health professionals and therapists, counselors, social workers and paraprofessionals, foster parents and service coordinators, and anyone working with an Autism and/or Asperger's Syndrome individual. To read our mission statement and information from previous conferences or to download the conference brochure and registration form, please visit: RCAAS.ORG. For further information, phone **Mark Schneider**, Psychology, at **607-434-1069** or email: registration@rcaas.org.

ROUNDTABLE ON DIVERSITY SERIES

The Roundtable Series is a forum for the campus community—faculty, staff, and students—to engage in conversations and reflections about subject matters that impact our lives, including our work and learning environments. The premise of the Roundtable is that every participant contributes to, and benefits from, the process. At “the table” everyone is equal, that is, every single member will be a valued participant in our discussions and reflections. The Series provides a non-judgmental, intellectually enriching, and experiential space for members of the campus community to engage in inspiring, and sometimes difficult or controversial aspects of diversity processes. ***Implausible Friendships/The First Roundtable Series:*** From **Noon to 1:15PM** on the following **Thursdays: September 3, September 17, October 8, October 22, November 5, and November 19**. Join students, staff, and faculty for the first Roundtable Series, entitled: *Implausible Friendships*. Lunch-time viewing of amazing documentaries, followed by group discussions examining the startling, surprising, sustaining, and enduring connections that individuals can make with each other, even as they start from extreme positions of conflict, differences, and sometimes

hate. If you would like to be added to or deleted from the list of persons who receive hardcopy announcements of diversity related activities, please contact the **Office of Equity and Inclusion** at **x2830** or email felterbd@oneonta.edu.

SUNY ONEONTA EMPLOYEE CARPOOL CONNECTION

Employee Services is pleased to announce the availability of *Carpool Connection* – a password protected web page that is designed to provide employees a venue for connecting with other employees interested in carpooling opportunities! This service is available to all employees. *Carpool Connections* can be found on the Employee Services webpage. The direct web address is <https://www.oneonta.edu/admin/humres/carpool/default.asp>. Employees will need to use their SUNY Oneonta username and password to access the site. This service is being provided as a courtesy to our faculty and staff. Participants will make arrangements directly with each other. If you have any questions on how to access or navigate the website, please contact **Christine Biegel** at **x2847**.

NYS & CSEA PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM

The New York State & CSEA Partnership for Education and Training Program will continue for 2009-2010. Some of the program highlights include: •Eligible CSEA employees can apply for two tuition benefits: •Course work must begin between **April 1, 2009** and **March 31, 2010**; •Eligible employees can also receive reimbursement for an unlimited number of credit-by-examinations (up to \$210 per examination) and reimbursement of one certification and licensure exam fee (up to \$300) in addition to their standard benefit. Copies of the catalog and applications are available from the **Partnership** website at: www.nyscseapartnership.org or in the **Office of Human Resources, 208 Netzer Building**.

COUNSELING RESOURCES FOR DISTRESSED AND DISTURBED STUDENTS

The Counseling Center has developed a webpage for faculty and staff to access when they encounter distressed or disturbed students. In addition to basic information about Counseling Center services, the page has information about how to recognize and assist students in psychological distress. There are resources and strategies for handling students in crisis and tips on how to make an effective referral for counseling. There is also a link to strategies for managing emotionally laden classroom discussions. The link for this webpage is: <http://counseling.oneonta.edu/fs>. The webpage is part of the Counseling Center website, which has other useful resources for students, faculty, and staff, including information about: staff, confidentiality, how counseling works, mental health conditions, community resources, self-help resources, internet links, and downloadable files with guided relaxation exercises. The link for the Counseling Center home page is: <http://counseling.oneonta.edu>. If you have any questions about the website, about Counseling Center Services, or about a distressed student, phone the **Counseling Center** at **x3368**. •*Note that faculty and staff can also contact **Student Development** at **x2513** to report concerns about students who may be distressed, disturbed, or potentially dangerous.*

CAMPUS DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Wednesday, May 6** - Last day of regular class schedule.
- **Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 7-13** - Finals Week.
- **Saturday, May 16** – Commencement.

REMINDERS

- **Today, Wednesday, April 29** – Retirement Reception for Paul Baumann, 3-5PM, Milne Library Lounge (1st floor, room 114). Everyone is invited to drop by and wish Paul well. Refreshments provided.
- **Thursday, April 30** – Dialogue Sessions (*Gay, Homosexual, LGBT, Queer: Are All Names Created Equal?* – Jeffery Dennis), 7PM-9PM, GSRC-219 Hunt Union. For additional information phone x2190 or GSRC@oneonta.edu.
- **Thursday, April 30** – EOP Academic Achievement & Graduate Reception, 4PM, Waterfront Café, Hunt College Union. RSVP's required to x2407.
- **Friday, May 1** – 1ST Annual International Student Karaoke/Graduation Celebration, 7-9PM, Center for

Multicultural Experience (CME), Lee Hall. Students will be competing against each other with a variety of songs, in English. Everyone is welcome.

- **Monday, May 4** - College Senate, 3PM, Craven Lounge, Morris Conference Center.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 5 & 6** – *Higher Ed Experts' Webinar-Writing Right for the Web: How to Get Better at Web Writing*, 1-2PM, Little Theater, Alumni Hall. A limited number of seats are available, please register at: <http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/training/Webinars.aspx>.
- **Monday, May 6** – Reception to Honor The Spring 2009 Best and Brightest Students, Morris Conference Center. For a listing of *The Best and Brightest* students please go to: <http://www.oneonta.edu/general/oncampus/spring09bb.pdf>.
- **Saturday, May 30** – NYC Bus Trip. Leave Hunt Union at 7AM and Manhattan at 8PM. Cost is \$30 for CSEA Local 635 members and \$35 for all others. Registration is open to CSEA members through Wednesday, April 15, and then opens to all others thereafter. For registration information, contact Veronica Diver at diverv@oneonta.edu.
- **Through Saturday, May 16** – Exhibition: *Re-Cognizing Joy: A Collaborative Art Project*. This exhibition is part of a fine art upper level interdisciplinary course taught by Rhea Nowak. Works are on display in the Gallery Lobby, Fine Arts.
- **Through Saturday, May 16** - Exhibition: *One Day the Water's Gonna Wash it Away*, by student Kimberly Lori Yarborough, on display in the Courtyard Corridor, Fine Arts.
- **Through Thursday, May 16** - *Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2009*. This exhibition will highlight the accomplishments of art students this year. Included in the show are works selected by the art faculty as well as work selected through a jury process that reviewed over 150 entries. This show displays a wide range of creative expression from drawing, painting, sculpture, book arts, printmaking, computer generated images, and video art pieces.
- **Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2** – 2009 Science Summer Camp. This is the sixth and last campus funded camp by the National Science Foundation. Target audience is 10th & 11th grade students in the counties surrounding Oneonta. Students from other areas and grades accommodated if space is available. No cost to participants. Camp Application at: www.oneonta.edu/academics/pr2eps/.
- **Monday, October 5** – Poster Session Proposals Deadline for the *Sixth Annual Celebration of Teaching*.
- **Thursday, November 5** – *Sixth Annual Celebration of Teaching*.

THANK YOU

- Thank you SUNY-Shine, my co-workers and friends for their generous donations, cards and thoughtful words on the recent loss of my father. The care and concern from everyone makes me realize how fortunate I am to work at SUNY Oneonta.

Deb Schwartz, Custodial Department

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Congratulations** to **Peter Muller**, Earth Sciences, who has been awarded Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) status from the American Institute of Professional Geologists(AIPG). AIPG, founded in 1963, is the largest association dedicated to promoting geology as a profession. It presently has more than 5,500 members in the U.S. and abroad, organized into 36 regional Sections. The Institute adheres to the principles of professional responsibility and public service and is the only international organization that certifies the competence and ethical conduct of geological scientists in all branches of the science with members employed in industry, government, and academia. AIPG emphasizes competence, integrity and ethics. AIPG is an advocate for the profession and communicates regularly to federal and state legislators and agencies on matters pertaining to the geosciences.
- **Congratulations** to **Emily Voss**, Cooperstown Graduate Program student (Class of 2009), who will present at the Seventh Annual Material Culture Symposium for Emerging Scholars at the Winterthur Museum, Delaware. Her presentation, *Astronauts, Aliens, Rockets, and Ray Guns: Space Toys and American Children 1950-1977*, examines space-themed toys as a means of discovering how both adults and children experienced the Space Race in their day-to-day lives. The toys also reflect changing ideas

about advertising, gender, and the popularity of the American space program. The Symposium will take place on April 25, 2009.

- **Congratulations** to the **O-State students** who won awards at Oneonta's Fourteenth Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (April 16-18, 2009). To honor a presentation that exemplifies the standards and ideals of the conference, **Brian Miller** was selected for a *President's Award*. **David Naples** received a *Dominick Roda Award* for excellence as a commentator. And **Joseph Karpel** and **Jeremy Redlien** received the event's highest honor: *Kerri Lynn Nicholas Heart and Soul Awards* for dedication, leadership and selfless service to the 2007, 2008 and 2009 conferences. Additional awards were presented to students from DePaul University, Northwest Missouri State University, SUNY Fredonia, The New School, University of California at Santa Cruz, University of Hawaii, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Mary Washington, and University of Texas.

- **Congratulations** to the **17 students** who were recently inducted as members of the Theta Nu chapter of Beta Beta Beta, a national honor society for the Biological Sciences. Since the initiation of this chapter in spring of 2004, 183 regular, associate, graduate, and honorary members have been inducted into membership. On Sunday, April 26th the chapter welcomed 11 new regular members and 6 new associated members. Regular members inducted were **Mike Bergman, Paul Blythe Jr., Michele Daly, Samantha Kamp, Jenene Knowles, Nick Mazziotta, Kevin Shiel, Kerri Swails, Chelsea Kois, Rebecca Pezzulo, and Jessica Rodriguez**. Associate members inducted were **Tyler Anderson, John Kraai, Heather Logan, Ryan M. Smith, Tyler F. Smith, and Mitchell Steven Tulchinsky**. Also, sincere appreciation goes out to our newly inducted Honorary Member **Andrea Casper ('75)** for providing the keynote address for the ceremony. If you would like more information about Beta Beta Beta please contact **Adam Ryburn** at ryburnak@oneonta.edu or go to <http://organizations.oneonta.edu/bioclub/>.

- **Congratulations** to **Students** in the advanced Fashion Design course *Innovations in Wearable Art* taught by **Annacleta Chiweshe**, Human Ecology on their "eco-fashion" show held on Tuesday, April 21, in front of the Human Ecology Building. In the course, students design unique garments using both traditional and non-traditional materials and techniques. For the eco-fashion show, students developed one-of-a-kind garments using non-traditional materials in the spirit of sustainability. The students who designed fashions for the show were **Danielle Dusharm, Lauren Guerrero, Nicole Leonard, Janelle Luley, Jessica Mason, Emily Nearing, Jessica Netherton, Kristina Perazone, Allison Plate, Charlene Ploetz, Rebecca Ryba, Chelsea Warenik, and Kaitlin Williams**. More information about the eco-fashion show is available from **Dr. Chiweshe** at **x2519**.

FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES

- **Tracy Betsinger**, Anthropology, presented a paper entitled *Urbanization and Infection: Trends from Medieval Poland* at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Chicago, Illinois on April 3, 2009. She also co-authored two papers that were presented at the meetings: *The History of European Infectious Disease: Skeletal Evidence of Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Treponematosi* (with Charlotte Roberts, et al.) and *Tooth Development Models Predict Carabelli Cusp Variation* (with Theresa Weston, et al.).

- **Brian Beitzel** and **Richard Staley**, Educational Psychology and Counseling, participated in the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Diego and presented a paper entitled *When Best Intentions Go Awry: The Failures of Concrete Representations to Help Solve Probability Word Problems*. **Nelson DuBois**, Professor Emeritus, was also a co-author of the paper. Richard Staley will serve as a Program Co-Chair of Division C: Learning and Instruction, Section 4: Science for the 91st Annual Meeting next year in Denver.

- **Guiomar C. Fages**, Foreign Languages, worked with her Intermediate Students (Spanish 203) **Ashley Barnes, Alison Occhiogrosso & Kaela Lakowitz** in the creation of a Spanish Book for pre-schoolers (3 & 4 years old). Students designed the illustrations and vocabulary and presented it to Bugbee Children's Center on April 15, 2009.

- **Achim Koeddermann**, Philosophy, was an invited guest speaker at the 61st World Affairs Conference, CU Boulder, Colorado in April 2009. On April 8, Dr. Koeddermann debated the value and

dangers of applying moral principles to Just War theory with Harvey Rishikof, National Defense University, National War College in Washington, D.C., and Jonathan Granoff, senior advisor to the Committee on National Security, Washington, D.C. The presentation was entitled *After Humanitarian Intervention* and applied the philosophical foundations of just war theory to Bosnia and Kosovo. Also on April 8, in a panel on the Moving Muse, Dr. Koeddermann, explored the dangers of abusing the muses and the media and appealed for a *Return to Aesthetics: Terpsichore* and an interdisciplinary approach to the arts, taken from the December 4, 2008 presentation reported on *Aesthetics Across the Disciplines* held at SUNY College at Oneonta. This presentation focused on the cooperation between: Music and Schubert – Colby Thomas and Loli Tsan, Dance – Carol Blazina and TERPS, Poetry – Pat Meanor, Theatre – Andrew Kahl, Art – Thomas Sakoulas, and Philosophy – Alessandra Stradella, David Carr, Emory, and Achim Koeddermann. In ending his day at the Colorado conference, Dr. Koeddermann gave the lecture *Lived Philosophy*, the title of a presentation on *Living Your Values*, that explored options in applied ethics since Cusanus.

- **Richard Lee**, English, has published an essay, *Guarding the Novel: The Stone Country and Literary Representation*, that appears in the current issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Alternation: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of the Arts and Humanities in Southern Africa* (15.2, 2008: pp. 201-243).

- **Ashok Malhotra**, Philosophy, published his two books on “Instant Nirvana, 2nd edition” and “Yoga and Mediation Now” on the Internet. They are published by the Cooperjal Limited of England and are available online at: <http://www.ideaindia.com/HTML/productdetails.asp?cid=&pid=257> and <http://www.ideaindia.com/HTML/productdetails.asp?cid=&pid=259>.

- **John Relethford**, Anthropology, published a paper entitled *Race and global patterns of phenotypic variation* in the latest issue of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* (139:16-22, 2009). This paper is part of a special symposium issue on *Race Reconciled: How Biological Anthropologists View Human Variation*. The paper reviews studies of worldwide variation in skin color and craniometric measures, finding that the former reflects selection to differing levels of ultraviolet radiation, and the latter reflects geography and the dispersal of the human species. None of these patterns of variation are well described by classic biological definitions of race.

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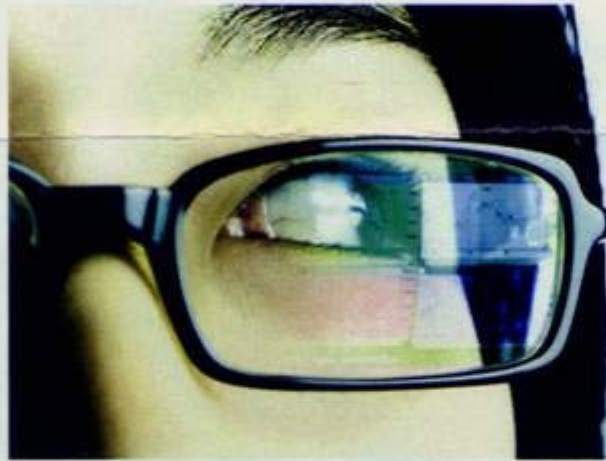
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