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College Celebrates Black History Month in February with Lectures, Films

SUNY Cortland will continue to celebrate Black History Month throughout February with a series of events.

All events are free and open to the public. Events taking place Feb. 6-16 are as follows:

Panel Discussion: A town hall meeting with five faculty and staff members on "Electing an American President: Reconsidering Race, Gender and Religion in the Politics of Change" will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Panelists include Karla Alwes, English; Kathryn Russell, philosophy; Samuel Kelley, communication studies; Keith Smith, Educational Opportunity Program; and Seth N. Asumah, Africana studies/political science.

Lecture: Adrian Hull, political science, will discuss "A Forgotten People" on Thursday, Feb. 7, at noon in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Film and Discussion: Mecke Nagel, philosophy, will address "How Do You Spell Murder?" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, in Old Main, Room 209.

Film: The Black Student Union will host its BSU Movie Night flick at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11, in the Corey Union Voice Office. For more information, call ext. 2427.

Lecture: Samuel Kelley, communication studies, and members of the College's Gospel Choir, will present "SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir Goes International" at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Brockway Hall Jacobus

Lounge. For more information, contact Kelley at ext. 4104.

Lecture: Gerald Porter, education, will address "African Americans Oppositional Identity and Black-White Academic Performance Discrepancy" at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Fundraiser: The Black Student Union will host a "BSU Love and Basketball – Two on Two Charity Basketball Game" on Saturday, Feb. 16. Details to be announced or for more information, contact Tanya Abilock, Multicultural Life Office, at ext. 2336.

Black History Month is co-sponsored by the Affirmative Action Committee, the President's Office and the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Office, the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies, the Vice President for Student Affairs Office, the Multicultural Life Office, the Black Student Union, the Dean of Arts and Sciences Office, the Political Science Department, the Campus Artists and Lecture Series (CALS) and the Africana Studies Department.

For more information about Black History Month, contact Asumah at ext. 2064, or in Old Main, Room 208-B.

Environmental Scholar and Activist to Speak on Feb. 12

Angus Wright, the author of *The Death of Ramon Gonzalez: The Modern Agricultural Dilemma* (1990), a harrowing account of the environmental and health consequences of modern-day agricultural practices, will speak on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Wright, a scholar and activist on issues related to the environment, social justice and globalization, will begin his talk titled, "Environmental Justice in Agriculture: Is it Possible?" at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. The lecture is part of the College's yearlong series on the theme of "Earthly Matters," organized by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. The series is free and open to the public.

Wright is a professor emeritus of environmental studies at California State University, Sacramento. He is a distinguished scholar and activist for issues related to environment and social justice in the age of

globalization. His research, which has mainly been in Brazil, California and Mexico, focuses on pesticide use and alternatives, irrigation policy, land tenure, land reform, rural social movements, rural conflict and the history of agricultural research and innovation, especially within the context of national and international economic development policy.

His first book, *To Inherit the Earth: The Landless Movement and the Struggle for a New Brazil*, was co-authored with Wendy Wolford and published in 2003. The book focuses on Brazil's Landless Workers' Movement, involving millions of desperately poor, landless and jobless men and women who, through their own nonviolent efforts, have secured rights to more than 20 million acres of farmland. Wright puts the movement in its historical, political and environmental context.

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Eileen Gravani Named School of Professional Studies Interim Associate Dean

Eileen Gravani of Ithaca, N.Y., became the interim associate dean for the School of Professional Studies, effective Jan. 2, reported Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell.

An associate professor in the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department who has served on the College's faculty for more than 27 years, Gravani will fill the position until June 30.

Her responsibilities will include reviewing and revising curricula for the departments in the School of Professional Studies, reviewing transfer articulation agreements, approving transfer credit, monitoring students' academic progress, reviewing applications for re-admission, interviewing students for study abroad, reviewing students' eligibility for graduation and processing applications for leaves of absence and medical withdrawals.

She joined the College in 1980 as an instructor, was promoted to assistant professor in 1991 and to associate professor in 2006. She chaired her department from 1993-99.

Gravani earned a doctorate in developmental psychology from Cornell University, where her major concentration was on language and cognition and where she served as a research assistant while completing her studies. Gravani also has a master's degree in speech pathology from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree in biology from Loyola University.

She has a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology from the American Speech and Hearing Association, a New York State license to practice in speech pathology, and has New York State Permanent Certification as a teacher of the speech and hearing handicapped.

The author of several book chapters and co-editor of a text on speech language and hearing programs in public schools, she is also a frequent public presenter at national, statewide, regional and local professional conferences.

A frequent volunteer in her community, Gravani has worked since 2000 on a cooperative research project with officials at Cortland County CAPCO Head Start, providing teacher training and intervention to children in Head Start class-

rooms. Since 1994, she has served on the executive committee and board of directors of the Ithaca Community Childcare Center.

Gravani grew up in Chicago, graduating from St. Scholastica Academy (High School). Her husband, Robert, is a professor at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. They have a daughter, Kristen, who is a senior at Cornell University, and a son, Steven, who is a senior at Ithaca High School.

SUNY Cortland Raises Record \$47,587 for SEFA

SUNY Cortland's 2007-08 State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) campaign raised \$47,587 this year, an all-time high for the College.

The total amount of gifts pledged increased by \$1,993, reported SEFA Campaign Chair Michelle Congdon, human resources, and Vice Chair Melinda Ferguson, physical plant.

"I was proud to be a part of the continuing generosity of the SUNY Cortland community," Congdon said. "The SEFA campaign not only helps those in need across the globe but also helps those who are right here in our community — our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. I believe the dedication of our campus volunteers year after year has a large impact on the success of this campaign as well."

The campaign, which relies on state employee volunteers to canvas co-workers for donations, ran from Oct. 18-Nov. 1. The only authorized

fundraising campaign among state workers, SEFA is directed by United Way of Cortland County and unites fundraising efforts for a group of agencies under a common umbrella.

Congdon and Ferguson announced the winners of a drawing for six prizes that was conducted at the campaign's end.

Michael Pitaro, judicial affairs, won first prize, which is a reserved campus parking space located in the lot closest to his building. Three other campus employees won the second prizes, consisting of Auxiliary Services Corporation gift cards worth \$25 each. They were: Rhonda Moulton, arts and sciences; Connie Parmiter, commissary/receiving; and Sharon Consler, Academic Computing Services.

Barbara Conrad, childhood/early childhood education, won a Recreational Sports Fitness Center pass and Bonnie Merchant, admissions, won a \$50 gift certificate donated by CSEA Local 605.

Jorge Estevez to Describe Caribbean Before Columbus

Jorge Estevez, a representative of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in New York, N.Y., will give a lecture titled "Who Discovered Columbus?" on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Estevez, a Taino from the Dominican Republic who now serves the Smithsonian as a workshop coordinator of public programs, will reveal the other point of view about Christopher Columbus' famous "discovery." His presentation of the panorama of Taino culture and cultural revival in the Caribbean begins at 4 p.m. in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. Estevez will be available for questions following the talk. The event is free and open to the public.

The Taino were pre-Columbian indigenous inhabitants of the Bahamas, Greater Antilles and the northern Lesser Antilles. During the time of Columbus' arrival in 1492, five Taino kingdoms thrived in what would become modern-day Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Estevez is a frequent contributor to the Smithsonian Museum's magazine and has written for *Native Peoples* as well as for the soon-to-be published *Encyclopedia of Caribbean Religions*. He is also an editor with the Caribbean Amerindian Centrelink and a member of the editorial board of *Kacike: The Journal of Caribbean Amerindian History and Anthropology*.

He is the co-author of *Indigenous Resurgence in the Contemporary Caribbean*, published in 2006.

The talk is sponsored by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, the Dean for the School of Arts and Sciences Office, the International Communications and Culture Department and the James M. Clark Center for International Education.

For more information, contact Susan Kather, event coordinator, international communications and culture, at ext. 2026.



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The Bulletin may be viewed online at www.cortland.edu/images/bulletin.pdf. Information for *The Bulletin* should be sent to Wendy Brooks, editor, Publications and Electronic Media Office, Brockway Hall, Room 207-F, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045.

The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, Feb. 18. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

All articles must be typewritten. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.

Spring 'Wellness Wednesday' Series Will Begin Feb. 6 for Campus, Community

SUNY Cortland will host the Spring 2008 "Wellness Wednesday" series featuring speakers, exhibits, self-help workshops and other programs intended to help students adjust to college life.

Sponsored by the Health Promotion Office and the Student Development Center, the series will take place at 7 p.m. in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, unless otherwise noted. The events are free and open to the public.

Those attending "Relaxation Station: Massage and Aromatherapy" on Feb. 6 can expect to feel less stressed afterward. Kristen Augusta, licensed massage therapist and nationally certified aroma therapist, will show how massage and aromatherapy can relieve the physical and emotional symptoms of stress and anxiety.

On Feb. 13, Stephen J. Smith, counseling center, will present, "What Men and Women Always Wanted to Know About Each Other, But Were Afraid to Ask." His program will explore the meaningful, fun and very different ways that men and women interact and how to understand and work with those differences.

Jenni Schafer, author, singer, songwriter and national speaker, will share her struggle with anorexia and bulimia in a Feb. 20 presentation titled "Life Without ED: How One Woman Declared Independence From Her Eating Disorder." She will use poetry and humor – from intimate thoughts in her personal journals about her eating disorder

to the ultimate freedom she experiences today. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing, a performance of songs by Schafer and an open mic and coffeehouse.

On Feb. 27, Billie Jean Goff, counseling center, will discuss "Alphabet Soup: The ABCs of Eating Disorders." Her presentation will provide a general overview of eating disorders, including information about treatment, resources and referral.

An acoustic coffeehouse will be held at 8 p.m. on March 5 featuring Chris Cauley, a nationally acclaimed singer and performer. The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities voted Cauley the Coffeehouse Artist of the Year. He is described as a creative genius with the gift of comfort on stage that enables his unique charisma to shine for his audience.

On March 26, Sarah Gingrich, residential services, will give a presentation titled "Networking." Participants will learn about the good, the bad and the ugly of social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace. Gingrich will talk about how Internet participation can affect an individual's social and emotional wellness.

In celebration of National Humor Month on April 2, Tony Trunfio, health, and a certified laughter leader through the World Laughter Tour, will discuss "The Power of Laughter" using an interactive program.

National presenter Mike Domitrz will present "Can I Kiss You?" on April 16 in the Corey Union Function Room. Participants can expect to laugh until they cry in a revealing look at dating and intimacy. The event is being sponsored by Cortland Against Another Rape.

On April 23, the Student Affairs Sustainability Committee will give a talk titled "Are You a Carbon Bigfoot?" This interactive program will give those attending an opportunity to calculate their personal carbon footprint by participating in an eco-game titled "Who Wants to be a Million-Air?" Participants also will see what an eco-room looks like while learning creative ways to save energy and lighten their carbon footprints.

For more information, contact Cathy Smith, Health Promotion Office, Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-1, or at ext. 2066 or smithc@cortland.edu.

Photo Exhibit to Open Feb. 5; Gallery Talk Set for Feb. 7

A series of black and white photographs exploring the different interests of Swedish artist Orjan Henriksson will be exhibited at the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery starting Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The gallery exhibition, "Orjan Henriksson: Photographs 2005-2007," will run through Saturday, March 15.

Henriksson, whose photography often appears in competitive shows in Europe and Scandinavia, will discuss his work during an informal artist's gallery talk from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7. Refreshments will be served.

The exhibition opening reception and gallery talk are free and open to the public.

The photographer has consistently received recognition for his skills in composition and design, particularly in his preferred black and white medium.

The images selected for this exhibition bring together several threads of Henriksson's interests in photography, said Andrew Mount, gallery director.

With all of his images, Henriksson presents a character that can be pressed toward narrative or enjoyed for its shapes and composition.

The exhibition and associated programs are supported by the Cortland College Foundation, the Campus Artist and Lecture Series and the President's Office.

For programming or volunteer information, contact Andrew Mount, gallery director, at ext. 4216 or mounta@cortland.edu.

College Joins Virginia Tech Civic Engagement Initiative

SUNY Cortland faculty, staff and students are being asked to volunteer 10 hours of community service this spring as part of a national effort to memorialize and honor the Virginia Tech students who died tragically in a campus shooting incident on April 16, 2007.

The Virginia Tech "Engage" project is being called the "Power of 10" locally, explained Kathy Gallagher, a SUNY Cortland Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) member and director of the Community Outreach Partnership Center.

"Virginia Tech's mission is to encourage everyone everywhere to do volunteer work as a way to give back to the community," explained Gallagher, who is coordinating local participation from her Main Street SUNY Cortland office in downtown Cortland.

"SUNY Cortland is joining the effort and will give back to the local community here. Our goal is 10 hours of service each from 1,000 people for

a total of 10,000 volunteer hours. Bringing the campus and the greater Cortland community together in this fashion is part of the mission of the College's Institute for Civic Engagement and the Community Outreach Partnership Center."

Participating agencies include: City of Cortland Youth Bureau, Cortland County Youth Bureau, Family Counseling Services, Seven Valleys Health Coalition, YWCA, YMCA, Loaves and Fishes, Salvation Army, Cortland Downtown Partnership, Bridges for Kids, Access to Independence and Habitat for Humanity.

Those interested in participating in Cortland's "Power of 10" should contact Gallagher at 597-9212 or by e-mail at gallagherk@cortland.edu. An online registration form can be found at www.cortland.edu/civicengagement/.

A culminating local event to recognize Cortland's efforts is being planned for April 16, the anniversary of the Virginia Tech tragedy.

Community Roundtable Looks at Cortland County's Farming Industry Feb. 7

A Cortland County agricultural industry representative and one of the county's most successful dairy farmers will discuss the importance of the local farming industry in the 21st century at a community roundtable on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Titled "The Farming Industry in Cortland County in the 21st Century," the roundtable takes place between 8-9 a.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. Sponsored by the President's Office and the Center for Educational Exchange, the event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

Panelists for the discussion include Robert Gallinger, county executive director of the U.S. Farm Services Agency in Cortland County; and Michael McMahon, a dairy farmer who operates McMahon's E-Z Acres farm on West Scott Road in Homer, N.Y. John Shirley, career services, will moderate the discussion.

The two speakers will engage the audience in a discussion of current agricultural issues and how they relate to all of us. Topics will include the U.S. agricultural policy, U.S. immigration policy and the realities for farm labor, characteristics of farming in the Northeast compared to other geographical areas, local and national public perception of farming, farm economics and farm practices.

"My focus will be on migrant labor, a big issue in agricultural labor today," McMahon said. "I will also discuss the overall labor situation in agriculture and how it affects farming right here in Cortland County."

McMahon, who received his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University, has lived in Cortland County since he was five years old. He bought his parents' dairy farming business in 1985, but has been farming for 50 years.

Gallinger's talk will focus on farming in the Northeast and how it compares to other parts of the country. He also will discuss local and national perceptions of farming and how all of these issues relate to consumers.

For more information on the Community Roundtable series, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214 or visit the Web site at www.cortland.edu/cee.

Faculty Development Center Announces Small Grants Program

The Faculty Development Center has announced that applications for the Small Grants Program, funded by the Cortland College Foundation, are due Friday, Feb. 15. The program is open to faculty, staff and students and provides funding for up to \$500.

Projects most deserving of small grant support are those that advance the mission of the College by: enriching the intellectual or cultural life of the campus; promoting professional development of faculty and staff; providing special educational opportunities for students; improving internal and/or external communication at the College; enhancing the image of the College; or accommodating unique or unusual contingencies which fit nowhere else.

Application forms are available from the Faculty Development Center in the Memorial Library or online at www.cortland.edu/fdc/awards_grants.asp.

Applications must be reviewed by a supervisor or department chair and the appropriate dean or vice president before being submitted for a final decision by the Faculty Development Committee and the president.

Applications for funding are accepted once each semester. Spring applications, which cover activity from Jan. 1-May 31, are due Feb. 15. Applications submitted by Sept. 15 for the fall semester must encompass activity from Aug. 21-Dec. 31. Faculty, students and staff are eligible to apply for small grants only once per year.

Completed applications should be submitted to the director of the Faculty Development Center, Memorial Library, Room B-303 or via email at fdc@cortland.edu.

Questions about the Small Grants Program can be directed to Laura Gathagan at ext. 2088.

Twelve Physical Education Students Receive Alway/Tesori Awards for Student Teaching

Twelve senior physical education majors were recognized with Lenore K. Alway/Anthony P. Tesori Awards for their outstanding work in student teaching in New York State schools during the Fall 2007 semester.

Physical Education Department faculty members nominated five women and seven men for the recognition. The students received a certificate.

The Alway Award, given to women, recognizes Lenore K. Alway, the late pioneering head of women's physical education at the College from 1941 to 1965. The men's award honors Anthony P. Tesori, a 1939 graduate who gave the College many years of leadership in athletics and administrative areas and earned the College's C-Club Hall of Fame Award for his achievements before and after graduation.

The Alway Award honorees and the schools or school districts where they completed their teaching are as follows:

Teghan Barnes of Central Square, N.Y., at East Syracuse Minoa (N.Y.) Central School District;

Jamie Zeller of Fairport, N.Y., at Rochester (N.Y.) Central School District and Brighton (N.Y.) Central School District;

Kristen Aksionoff of Baldwin, N.Y., at Freeport (N.Y.) Union Free School District;

Kendall Ramsey of Rye, N.Y., at Rye Neck Union Free School District and Tarrytown (N.Y.) Union Free School District; and

Lauren Cardinale of Poughquag, N.Y., at Corning City School District and Elmira (N.Y.) City School District.

The Tesori Award honorees are as follows:

Matthew Johnson of Oneonta, N.Y., at Fabius-Pompey Central School District and Ithaca (N.Y.) City School District;

David Dingman of Fort Plain, N.Y., at Canajoharie (N.Y.) Central School District and Middleburgh (N.Y.) Central School District;

Evan Ligeikis of Binghamton, N.Y., at Owego Apalachin (N.Y.) Central School District and Union Endicott (N.Y.) Central School District;

Erik Geslak of Hicksville, N.Y., at Freeport (N.Y.) Union Free School District;

Sean Rutigliano of Suffern, N.Y., at Nanuet (N.Y.) Union Free School District and East Ramapo (N.Y.) Central School District;

Justin Shiroma of Honolulu, Hawaii, at Marathon (N.Y.) Central School District and Tully (N.Y.) Central School District; and

Michael Melfi of Bohemia, N.Y., at Connetquot (N.Y.) Central School District.

For more information, contact the Physical Education Department at ext. 4955.

Children's Museum Saturday Series to Include Art, Singing and Other Events

Children's educational programs on Dr. Seuss' birthday, stained glass creations, a sing along and Silly Putty will be highlighted during the Spring 2008 Children's Museum season beginning in February.

The Children's Museum offers interactive, hands-on educational experiences in an environment where parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, college students, youth and young children can be inspired to play and learn together.

Presented by faculty and students in the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department, the programs run on selected Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and are open to community families and their children. All programs will take place at the Children's Museum, located on the ground floor of O'Heron Newman Hall at 8 Calvert St. in Cortland. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted.

Field Experiences Coordinator Renee Potter will present "Friendship" on Feb. 9. With Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, this program will allow participants to honor family and friends with crafts.

Assistant Professor Emilie Kudela will lead a celebration to commemorate the birthday of Theodor "Ted" Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) on March 1. Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, 1904. The children are asked to bring along their favorite Dr. Seuss book and an early childhood education student will read it to them.

On March 29, Assistant Professor Orvil White and Web Communications Manager Michelle Cryan, children's book author and illustrator, will present "Behind the Window." Those attending will create a "stained glass" window and also learn about sign language. Signed copies of *Where is Baby?: A Lift-the-Flap Sign Language Book* will be available for sale.

Join Professor Cynthia Benton on April 5 for "Singing Along." Children will use their voices and move to the sound of music, learning how stories can be told through music and dance. A variety of singing, listening and movement activities will be included.

On April 19, the "Week of the Young Child" will conclude with the annual Children's Free Fair in the gym of the Cortland County Office Building. Participants will join the early care and education community with activities that celebrate this week.

Assistant Professor Tony Lee will present "Making Silly Putty" on April 26. Silly Putty is a silicone-based polymer that is highly elastic, exhibits high bounce and can be easily molded. It is non-toxic and non-irritating to the skin. Learn how to make a Silly Putty-like material and about the activities that go along with it.

For more information, call Kudela at ext. 5525.

Fifteen Students Receive Scholarships to Study Abroad for Winter, Spring Semesters

SUNY Cortland recently awarded \$14,200 in scholarships to 15 students to help offset the cost of their studies abroad this winter and spring.

The students who will study in Mexico, Australia, France, Spain, India, Costa Rica, Ireland, China or England won scholarships ranging from \$450 to \$1,500. The awards, offered through the International Programs Office, are based on several criteria, including high academic achievement, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, a personal essay and letters of recommendation.

SUNY Cortland offers five scholarships for study in a foreign country. The students who were awarded scholarships for the winter and spring were selected from among 28 qualified candidates.

Recipients for the scholarships and a description of each award follow:

Overseas Academic Program (OAP) Award

OAP scholarships are awarded to students accepted in a study abroad program. The scholarship is \$450 for winter recipients and \$1,000 for spring recipients. OAP Award recipients for Winter 2008, both of whom studied in Cuernavaca, Mexico are:

Ashley Joslin, a senior international studies major from Syracuse, N.Y.; and

Kayla Kenda, a freshman childhood education major from Bay Shore, N.Y.

OAP Award recipients for Spring 2008 are:

Tim Rodriguez, a junior outdoor recreation major from Poland, N.Y., for study at the National Outdoor Leadership School in India;

Katelyn Omans, a junior English as a second language major from Bayport, N.Y., for study in San Jose, Costa Rica;

Kaela Woolsey, a senior anthropology major from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., for study in Dublin, Ireland;

Amanda Neville, a junior conservation biology major from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia; and

Sirisack Siriphanh, a junior political science major from Rochester, N.Y., for study in Beijing, China.

Uschald Study Abroad Scholarship

Uschald Scholarships are open only to students accepted to a study abroad program who are U.S. citizens and are based on academic achievement and extracurricular activities. The award is \$1,000. Recipients for Spring 2008 are:

Kirk DeNero, a sophomore criminology major from Glenville, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia;

Aimee Stormes, a junior physical education major from Wantage, N.J., for study in Ballarat, Australia;

Sarah Boeres, a French major from Cortland, for study in La Rochelle, France;

Michael Scala, a senior physical education major from Shirley, N.Y., for study in Ballarat, Australia;

Jarred Schroeder, a junior adolescence education: Spanish major from Bellmore, N.Y., for study in Salamanca, Spain; and

Kathleen Walsh, a junior adolescence education: Spanish major from Deer Park, N.Y., for study in Salamanca, Spain.

Charles A. Gibson Scholarship

The Charles A. Gibson Scholarship awards \$1,150 to students participating in a study abroad program who demonstrate high academic achievement and financial need. The recipient for Spring 2008 is:

Erica Sanderson, a junior communication studies major from Syracuse, N.Y., for study in London, England.

Kevin A. Rowell '83 Study Abroad Scholarship

Created by Kevin A. Rowell '83, this scholarship awards \$1,500 to students participating in a study abroad program based on academic achievement and extracurricular activities. The recipient for Spring 2008 is:

Zachary Fluster, a junior kinesiology major from Voorheesville, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia.

For more information on the study abroad scholarships, contact the International Programs Office at ext. 2209.

Nominations Being Accepted for Excellence in Professional Service Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the College's Excellence in Professional Service Awards. Letters of nomination will be accepted from SUNY Cortland students, colleagues or supervisors. Any professional who has completed at least two years of service at SUNY Cortland is eligible for an award.

Nomination materials must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, to Chair, Professional Service Awards Committee, Bursar's Office, Miller Building, Room 323. Nominees will be notified by the Awards Committee of their candidacy after Feb. 22.

Awards will be given for excellence in three categories:

Institutional Service Award

Nominees should be individuals who serve as role models within their area of responsibility, their profession or department. Characteristics such as leadership, organization, problem-solving or decision-making skills should serve as examples of professionalism of the highest caliber. These characteristics may be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

- Outstanding performance within the job description
- Participation in committees or activities that support the College's Long Range Planning Goals
- Participation in professional development and training.

Innovation Within Profession Award

Nominees should be individuals who have demonstrated creativity in the development or application of ideas or concepts within a professional operation. Characteristics of innovation may be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

- Application of technology within one's field
- Redesign of a process or program to improve effectiveness
- Maximization of campus resources in operations (e.g., fiscal efficiency).

Service to Students Award

Nominees should be those who have demonstrated leadership in the development or enhancement of programs and services that respond to student needs. Characteristics of excellence in service may include, but will not be limited to:

- Demonstration of "going the extra mile" in order to serve students
- Development of creative student programming or services
- Implementation of programs or processes designed to improve services to students.

Typed letters of nomination must be submitted in the following format:

1. Name, title, department of nominee
2. Name of nominator, relationship to nominee (e.g., colleague, supervisor, student)
3. Award category that captures the achievement of the nominee
4. Specific information in support of the nomination that answers why the individual's service/innovation/achievement in that category should be recognized
5. Up to two letters of support (recommended)

The awards committee reserves the right to request additional supporting information as necessary. Nominees must have completed at least two years of service as a professional staff member and must not have been a recipient of an

award within the same category within the previous three years. Nominations should be for current service/innovation/achievements and for activities that would either not be considered to be within the normal scope of activities included in the nominee's performance program or should be documented to show how the service/innovation/achievement far exceeded normal expectations.

Recipients will have announcements of the honor sent to *The Bulletin*, *Cortland Standard*, WKRT-AM, WXHC-FM, the alumni publication of the recipient's alma mater, and the hometown newspaper if different from *Cortland Standard*. They will also receive a plaque, be honored at a luncheon, and featured in a brochure highlighting excellence at SUNY Cortland.

The campus community is asked to nominate a colleague for his/her exemplary service. There are few greater compliments than to have a peer, student or alumnus notice a job well done by a professional staff member.

For more information, contact Professional Service Awards Committee Chair Colleen DeGouff, bursar/student accounts, at ext. 2412.

Fine Teaching Development Award Application Deadline Announced

The Faculty Development Center is accepting applications for the Fine Teaching Development Award. The application deadline for the Fall 2009 semester is March 15.

The award, funded by the Robert and Bette Fine Faculty Endowment Fund, provides a one-course, one-semester reduction in teaching load to one successful applicant each semester.

Eligibility is open to tenure-track, non-tenured faculty teaching at the graduate or undergraduate level who carry a tenure-track teaching load as defined by SUNY Cortland, and who have completed at least two semesters of teaching at SUNY Cortland prior to the year of application. The Faculty Development Committee serves as the peer review body for this award. In making determinations regarding the award, the committee evaluates applications based on the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance:

- The intellectual quality of the project
- The potential significance and impact on students

- Clarity of the stated objectives
- Thoroughness and detail of planning, and
- Feasibility of the project's completion in one semester.

Information and guidelines for the Fine Teaching Development Award are available at www.cortland.edu/fdc/awards_grants.asp.

For more information, contact the Faculty Development Center at ext. 2088.

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Former NFL Player to Discuss How Drug and Alcohol Use Impacts Athletes

Dennis O'Sullivan, vice president for professional and college development for the American Athletic Institute (AAI), will discuss the negative effects of alcohol and drugs on an athlete's performance on Monday, Feb. 11.

O'Sullivan, who played quarterback in the National Football League with the New York Jets and the Houston Texans from 1999 to 2004, will begin his talk on "Pure Performance for Athletes" at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Hosted by the Athletics Department through an NCAA Speakers Grant, the lecture is free and open to the public.

The "Pure Performance for Athletes" presentation will analyze the negative effects that drugs and alcohol have on human beings, especially the superior athlete, O'Sullivan said. Not only does the discussion explore the motivation of athletes, it also points out the concepts of team and collective responsibility.

The AAI has performed extensive research with high-level athletes that reveal players who drink are twice as likely to become injured during an athletic event, he commented. Athletes who drink and use drugs are more prone to the negative physical, psychological and physiological effects that drugs and alcohol produce.

As the director of New York City Government Affairs for the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, O'Sullivan believes that the state's programs can help athletes achieve their highest goals.

"Our presentation is designed to educate an athlete in order for them to obtain optimum athletic potential," he said. "However, the benefits will be felt off the field as well as on. These programs can help reduce injury and allow for quicker recovery, better muscle development and gained training effect — in brief, produce better athletes, better performances thus better teams."

Off-the-field benefits of not drinking or taking drugs, O'Sullivan noted, would include academic improvements, a decrease in disciplinary and criminal problems, and the prevention of accidents or even death. A player who abstains simultaneously develops good will within the community as well as a positive public image at large.

Before joining the NFL, O'Sullivan graduated from Tulane University, where he had captained the 1998 team to an undefeated season and a seventh place final national ranking. Along with being Tulane's Defensive MVP in 1998, he was also the 1998 Liberty Bowl Scholar Athlete, 1998 Nokia Sugar Bowl Quarterback Club Outstanding Student Athlete and 1998-99 Tulane University Male Student Athlete of the Year.

Currently, O'Sullivan is the president and founder of Two Town's Charity, Inc., an organization dedicated to helping underprivileged children.

For more information about the AAI, visit its Web site at www.americanathleticinstitute.org. For more information about the presentation, contact Mike Discenza, athletics, at ext. 4923 or at dicensam@cortland.edu.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Women's Basketball at Brockport, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Brockport, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.
Men's Track and Field at Boston University Invitational, TBA
Women's Track and Field at Boston University Invitational, TBA
Men's Ice Hockey at Fredonia, 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball at New Paltz, 6 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey at Plattsburgh, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at New Paltz, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Men's Basketball at Oneonta, 6 p.m.
Women's Gymnastics at Rutgers, noon.
Women's Ice Hockey at Plattsburgh, 3 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Oneonta, 4 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey at Buffalo State, 7 p.m.
Women's Track and Field at Boston University Invitational, TBA

Women's Track and Field at Cornell Invitational, TBA
Men's Track and Field at Boston University Invitational, TBA
Men's Track and Field at Cornell Open, TBA
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.
Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, Erie Community College, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Wrestling at Ithaca, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Women's Basketball at Keuka, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

Women's Ice Hockey at RIT, 7 p.m.
Women's Gymnastics at Springfield (Mass.), 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. SUNYIT, 4 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey at RIT, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. SUNYIT, 4 p.m.
MEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Oswego, 7 p.m.
Men's Track and Field at Cornell Kane Invitational, TBA
Women's Track and Field at SUNYAC Indoor Championships at Hobart, TBA
Men's Swimming and Diving at Last Chance Meet, TBA
Women's Swimming and Diving at Last Chance Meet, TBA

Sunday, Feb. 17

Women's Track and Field at NYSCTC Multi-Event Championship, Ithaca, N.Y., TBA

News Briefs

Faculty Recital to Feature Moore

Edward Moore, performing arts, will present a piano recital of composers from the 19th and 20th centuries at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre. The recital is free and open to the public.

The program will include composers such as Johannes Brahms, Frederic Chopin, Claude Debussy and Florence Price.

For more information, contact Tom Hischak, performing arts, at ext. 4206.

Environmental Scholar, Activist, Author to Speak

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Besides the two books, Wright has written more than 50 scholarly articles, reports and papers dealing with issues related to the environment.

Wright has served as president and a board member of the Pesticide Action Network of North America and the Institute for Food and Development Policy, also called Food First, and is a board member of the Land Institute. From 2005 through 2007, he worked as a lead author on the International Agricultural Assessment of Science, Technology and Development, sponsored by the United Nations, the World Bank and the Millennium Foundation.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, his master's degree from Cornell University and his doctorate from the University of Michigan.

"Earthly Matters" is the third yearlong series of lectures and cultural events organized around a single theme at SUNY Cortland. Sponsored by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, the series is funded by the President's Office and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office.

For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at ext. 2060.

Choral Union Announces Rehearsal Schedule

The Choral Union, under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts, will hold rehearsals weekly on Mondays from 7-8:45 p.m. in Dowd Fine Arts Center, Room 108. Auditions are not required and participation is free and open to anyone committed to artistic choral singing.

The program for the spring semester will consist of three works by the British composer Rafe Vaughan Williams: the "Mass in G-minor" for double choir, his "Serenade to Music," with texts by William Shakespeare, and the "Five Mystical Songs," with texts by the mystic poet George Herbert. The latter two selections will be sung in English, the first in Latin. There are solos available for all voice parts.

Noted pianist and harpsichordist Alan Giambattista will provide the keyboard accompaniment for the ensemble.

The concert will be performed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater and will be free and open to the public. For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615.

ASC Program Grant Applications Deadline Set for Feb. 22

Applications are now being accepted for Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Program Grants for the 2008-09 academic year.

Application packets are available at the ASC Office in Winchell Hall, online at www.cortlandasc.com/downloads/grant%20app.rtf or via e-mail by calling Annette O'Hara at ext. 4325.

Completed applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, in the ASC Office, Winchell Hall.

Each year the ASC Board of Directors allocates funds to support grants for a wide range of purposes and projects that enhance the life of the Cortland College Community.

Although ASC is willing to consider a wide range of ideas, it seeks to avoid duplicating other funding sources or funding projects more properly supported by state funds. Therefore, applicants should first seek funding from primary funding sources. Other grant guidelines are described in the application package.

For more information, contact O'Hara at ext. 4325 or Jeffrey Johnson, ASC, at ext. 5668.

Educating for Democracy Will Be Topic of March Book Chats

The Institute for Civic Engagement and the Faculty Development Committee will sponsor three book chats in March focusing on a new book, *Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Responsible Political Engagement*.

The book chats will be held in the Memorial Library Learning Commons area as follows:

- Monday, March 3, at 12:30 p.m. led by Richard Kendrick, sociology/anthropology;
- Wednesday, March 5, at 2 p.m. led by Randi Storch, history;
- Thursday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m. led by Joy Mosher, childhood/early childhood education.

To sign up for the book chats, contact Laura Gathagan in the Faculty Development Center at ext. 2088 or by e-mail to gathaganl@cortland.edu. A copy of *Educating for Democracy* will be ordered for those who sign up to attend.

The book is the culmination of a lengthy research project, the Political Engagement Project, which examines ways various colleges and universities across the country have been successful at developing the knowledge and skills for political participation among their students.

The book offers practical suggestions for colleges and universities that want to do a better job of educating their students for participation in the democratic processes and institutions of our society. At the same time, it is an example of research that falls within the domain of the scholarship of civic engagement.

Co-authors are Anne Colby, Thomas Ehrlich, Elizabeth Beaumont and Jason Stephens, who also wrote *Educating Citizens*, which was used by SUNY Cortland faculty when launching the Institute for Civic Engagement and in its affiliation with the American Democracy Project.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Cynthia J. Benton, childhood/early childhood education, presented a paper, "Teacher Development, Program Quality and Writing: Re-Imagining the Role of Teacher as Researcher," at the Sixth Annual International Conference on Education in Honolulu, Hawaii. The paper was a collaborative project with **Susan Stratton**, childhood/early childhood education, and **Karen Stearns**, English.

Jeremiah Donovan, art and art history, was selected to exhibit his recent ceramic work in "Metamorphosis and Rebirth: China International Contemporary Ceramic Exhibition." This juried competition was held at the National China Ceramic Museum in Jingdezhen, China. A photograph of his sculptural vessel titled "Tea Bowl" was included in the publication accompanying the exhibition.

Gayle Gleason, geology, and co-author **Stephanie DeSisto '06**, had their paper, "A Natural Example of Crystal-plastic Deformation Enhancing the Incorporation of Water into Quartz," published in the international journal *Tectonophysics* (vol. 446, pp; 16-30, Jan. 2008). DeSisto is currently a graduate student at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Kathleen Griffin, art and art history, participated in the Moss Rock Art Festival in Birmingham, Ala., where she installed a new outdoor sculpture titled, "Butterflies of Memory." The first in a new series of outdoor sculptures, her piece won the Gold Award of Excellence. Also, recently she received a regional New York State Council on the Arts Individual Artists Grant.

Denise D. Knight, English, has had her short article, "Empowering Students Through Choice," accepted for publication in the March 2008 issue of *The Teaching Professor*.

Andrea M. Lachance, **Cynthia J. Benton** and **Beth Shiner Klein**, childhood/early childhood education, recently had an article, "The School-Based Activities Model: A Promising Alternative to Professional Development Schools," published in the *Teacher Education Quarterly*. The article was based on their collaborative work with schools through the Teacher Leader Quality Partnership Grant.

R. Bruce Mattingly and **Damien Pitman**, mathematics, served as judges for the Mathematical Association of America's Undergraduate Poster Competition at the Joint Mathematics Meetings held Jan. 6-9 in San Diego, Calif. In addition, Mattingly published "An Elementary Derivation of the Method of Least Squares" in the December 2007 issue of the *New York State Mathematics Teachers' Journal*.

Eunice Miller, academic affairs, completed a two-day test in November to receive the Certified Administrative Professional rating and is now a Certified Administrative Professional (CAP). In addition, she is a member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP).

Gary Mouldsdale, performing arts, served as the singing and voice coach at The Actors' Gang theatre in Los Angeles in January, for the new production of Tim Robbins and Adam Simon's 1989 comedy "Carnage." The play tells the story of the rivalry between a Pentecostal televangelist, Cotton Slocum, and his jealous apprentice, Tack, who conspires with a gang of paramilitaries to murder Slocum in an apparent terrorist attack. The show features a wide range of musical styles: adaptations of songs by Hank Williams, Pentecostal hymnody and commercial jingles, in addition to original songs by David Robbins with incidental music by Cameron Dye. The Actors' Gang is an experimental theatre group founded in 1981; its company style is strongly influenced by commedia dell'arte. Previews began Jan. 24 and the scheduled run is from Feb. 2-March 8. Later this semester, Mouldsdale will serve as the music director for "As You Like It" at the Schwartz Centre for the Performing Arts at Cornell University, in a new production directed by Neal Freeman, with original music by jazz composer John Winn.

Mary K. Murphy, business office, **Nasrin Parvizi**, facilities management, and **Paula Warnken**, information resources, were informed that their proposal was selected for presentation at the National Association of College and University Business Officers 2008 Annual Meeting to be held July 12-15 in Chicago, Ill. The theme of the event is "Changing Perspectives" and they will present "Green is Not for Money: Innovative Endeavors Towards Campus Sustainability." Only 25 percent of the more than 200 proposals were selected for concurrent sessions by the program committee.

Mechthild Nagel, philosophy, published two essays on the work of Angela Y. Davis. "In Search of Abolition Democracy" was published in *Democracy, Racism, and Prisons, Radical Philosophy Today*, volume 5 (Philosophy Document Center, 2008). Her essay "Bearing Witness to Injustice" was published in the *Journal of Human Studies*, volume 30 (2007).

Robert Spitzer, political science, spoke on "Gun Control and the 2008 Elections" at the Third Annual Harry F. Guggenheim Symposium on Crime, Justice and Politics held Dec. 3-4 at John Jay College in New York City. The conference was sponsored by John Jay's Center on Media, Crime and Justice.

Michael Togli, psychology, as a councilor in the Psychology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), recently reviewed two sets of submissions for Posters on the Hill. These are posters in which undergraduate students and their mentors present their research during April in Washington D.C. SUNY Cortland is an institutional member of CUR.

Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, recently presented a teacher training workshop for advance placement (AP) chemistry teachers in Dover, Del. The workshop was designed as a mock grading session using student responses from the 2007 AP Chemistry Reading. The purpose was to enable the teachers to understand the criteria and procedures used at the reading so they can help their students maximize their scores on the upcoming exam in May.



The Bulletin contains official College announcements, news reports and notices of campus events. Information for the *The Bulletin* should be sent to the Publications and Electronic Media Office, Brockway Hall, Room 207-F, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045, or by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.

Coming Events

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Faculty Senate Meeting: Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 1:10 p.m.

Presentation: "Who Discovered Columbus?" Jorge Estevez, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in New York, will discuss Taino Culture and history in the Caribbean, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 4 p.m.

Gallery Exhibit Opening: "Orjan Henriksen: Photographs 2005-2007," Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, Room 162, 6-8 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Pianist Edward Moore, performing arts, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Sandwich Seminar: "Electing an American President: Reconsidering Race, Gender and Religion in the Politics of Change" Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Presentation: Author Jennifer Brice will discuss her book *Unlearning to Fly*, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 4 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series: "Relaxation Station: Massage and Aromatherapy," Kristen Augusta, licensed massage therapist, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Community Roundtable: "The Farming Industry in Cortland County in the 21st Century," Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m., refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

Sandwich Seminar: "A Forgotten People," Adrian Hull, political science, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Artist Talk: "Orjan Henriksson: Photographs 2005-2007," Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, Room 162, 3 p.m.

Film and Discussion: "How Do You Spell Murder?" Mecke Nagel, philosophy, Old Main, Room 209, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Children's Museum Series: "Friendship" craft projects, Children's Museum, O'Heron Newman Hall, 8 Calvert St., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11

Lecture: "Pure Performance for Athletes," Dennis O'Sullivan, American Athletic Institute, Corey Union Function Room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Earthly Matters Lecture Series: "Environmental Justice in Agriculture: Is it Possible?" Angus Wright, author, scholar and activist, on issues related to the environment, social justice and globalization, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Sandwich Seminar: "SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir Goes International," Samuel Kelley, communication studies, and members of the Gospel Choir, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series: "What Men and Women Always Wanted to Know About Each Other, But Were Afraid to Ask," Stephen J. Smith, counseling center, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Sandwich Seminar: "African Americans Oppositional Identity and Black-White Academic Performance Discrepancy," by Gerald Porter, education, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Civics Education, sponsored by Service-Learning, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Black History Month Fundraiser: "BSU Love and Basketball – Two on Two Charity Basketball Game." For more information, contact Tanya Abilock, Multicultural Life Office, at ext. 2336.

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