Series of Lectures and Events on Global Climate Change Planned

SUNY Cortland will focus a yearlong series of lectures and cultural events on the theme of global climate change beginning next fall.

The series, called “Earthly Matters,” will feature nine lectures and performances by leading environmental scholars, writers and activists who will explore the impact of global climate change, the nation’s dependency on fossil fuels, the health effects of environmental pollution and the politicization of science. All events are free and open to the public.

“When we thought about the series, we thought about what was the most significant environmental threat and it was global climate change according to researchers and scientists,” said Kevin B. Sheets, history. “We also wanted to talk more locally about what implications global climate change has for us.”

“Earthly Matters” is the College’s third yearlong series of lectures and cultural events organized around a single theme. Sponsored by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, the series is funded by the President’s and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs offices.

The first speaker, Bill McKibben, is a leading environmentalist whose first book, The End of Nature (1989), raised the alarm about global climate change. His most recent book, Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future (2007), addresses the shortcomings of the growth economy and envisions a transition to more local-scale enterprise. McKibben, a scholar in residence at Middlebury College in Vermont, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

SUNY Cortland Alliance Bank Champion Scholarship Represents Investment in Cortland County Youth

Jack H. Webb, the president and chief executive officer of Alliance Bank, N.A., believes his institution plays a significant role in retaining the financial and the human capital of Cortland County. The $1.3 billion Syracuse, N.Y.-based bank with 29 branches in Central New York recently committed $50,000 in bank funding over five years to help support 10 outstanding future Cortland area high school graduates who enroll at SUNY Cortland.

“We’ve played a role in the lives of Cortland area residents and in the financial vitality of area businesses,” said Webb, referring to the bank whose Cortland roots go back to the mid-1800s. “We saw, however, an opportunity to do something different that would address the younger generation that will, it is hoped, stay here, work here and help to grow this area.”

“That opportunity was the SUNY Cortland Alliance Bank Champion Scholarship Program, which will provide a $1,250-a-year scholarship to two local students selected annually starting in Fall 2008. Chosen from among the county’s five high schools, the students will use the money to offset costs associated with pursuing a degree in their chosen academic discipline at the College.

“What a magnificent gift from Alliance Bank,” said President Erik J. Bitterbaum. “It allows students to stay locally and take advantage of this scholarship to further their dreams here at our College. And it just shows what a great corporate citizen Alliance Bank is in our area. I salute them for this very generous gift and I hope it becomes a model for other corporations in Cortland County.”

Other events in the “Earthly Matters” series include:

- Alfred Crosby, a distinguished historian and professor emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, in Old Main Third Floor Mezzanine. Crosby pioneered innovative approaches to European history by recognizing the importance of environmental and ecological factors in shaping the past. His most famous book, Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900 (1986), will be the subject of a book chat for History Department faculty members and students during Crosby’s visit.

- Chris Shaw, a singer and songwriter who carries on the storytelling and troubadour traditions of his native Adirondack region, will perform at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. In more than a half dozen albums, Shaw tells the stories of the Adirondack people and evokes a sense of place through lyrics that speak to the power of that environment for all who experience it. He has performed all over the Northeast and has played at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

- Paul Roberts, a journalist specializing in environmental issues, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, in Brown Auditorium. His 2004 book, The End of Oil: On the Edge of a Perilous New World, is an engaging and prescient analysis of the issue of “peak oil”

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See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
Academic Convocation Set For Aug. 26 in Alumni Arena

The President's Office and the Academic Convocation Committee have announced that the annual Academic Convocation will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Academic Convocation recognizes the incoming class and signals the official beginning of students' studies at SUNY Cortland. All incoming freshmen and transfers are invited to attend the one-hour event. Mary “Lisi” Krall, economics, will be the keynote speaker. Her address will reflect 2007-08 Intellectual Climate campus-wide theme, “Earthly Matters.”

All SUNY Cortland faculty and staff are invited to participate. Information regarding processing, regalia and assigned robing rooms will be disseminated later this summer.

An informal dinner for new students, faculty and staff will follow the ceremony.

For more information, contact Executive Assistant to the President Virginia Levine at ext. 2201, or Special Events Coordinator Darci Bacigalupi at ext. 5453.

Devin Coppola, M.D., Named College Physician

The College has hired Devin Coppola, M.D., owner of the Jamesville Family Health Center in Jamesville, N.Y., as College physician.

Coppola, who began his duties on June 1, replaces Nancy Sternfeld, M.D., who retired on May 31 after serving the College since 1986. He reports to Sheila Dai, interim director of the Student Development Center, the umbrella for the Student Health Service that Coppola operates in Van Hoesen Hall.

He is responsible for planning, directing, supervising and participating in the delivery of high quality outpatient health care to SUNY Cortland's 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. His eight-member staff at the Student Health Service consists of a physician's assistant/physical therapist, two nurse practitioners, registered and licensed practical nurses and office staff. Coppola is in charge of compliance with Medical Waste Disposal regulations, immunization laws, OSHA regulations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA).

He will supervise the medical response to campus infectious disease emergencies, participate on a Crisis Response Team, provide medical emergency care coverage at Commencement, perform accreditation activities and serve as a preceptor to Rochester Institute of Technology physician assistant students. Coppola also will provide outreach services to the campus community and conduct orientation for students traveling abroad.

Coppola will continue to run, on a limited basis, his private family practice, the Jamesville Family Health Center, which he founded in 2003 and that employs his wife, Jody, a nurse practitioner.

When he accepted the position at SUNY Cortland, Coppola was also employed part-time treating patients of all ages in an acute care setting both in the Cortland Convenient Care Center and with Immediate Care West in Camillus, N.Y.

A native of Elmira, N.Y., he earned an associate degree in liberal arts/math and science from Corning Community College and a bachelor's degree in biology with high honors from Rochester Institute of Technology. He received his medical degree in 1994 from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine.


Coppola is licensed to practice medicine in New York and Vermont. He is certified with the American Board of Family Medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Onondaga County Medical Society and the Medical Society of the State of New York.

A voluntary faculty appointee with SUNY Upstate Medical University since 2000, he has been the Song Mountain Ski Patrol's medical director since 2003 and the South Onondaga Volunteer Fire Department medical director since 2006.

While completing his education, Coppola served from 1988-90 in a cooperative education position as laboratory technologist doing basic science research in endocrinology in the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry's Pharmacology Department. His research has been published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society and Molecular Endocrinology.

Coppola enjoys running, skiing, hiking, kayaking, cycling, reading and travel. He and Jody live in Tully, N.Y., with their three children, Kelsey, Bobby and Annaleia.

Fall Opening Meeting Planned for Aug. 23

President Erik J. Bitterbaum has announced that the opening meeting of the Fall 2007 semester will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23. It will begin with light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Detailed information including an agenda and response form will be sent via e-mail by July 23.

All classified, United University Professions and Management/Confidential members of the campus community are invited to attend. For more information, refer to the e-mail for details or call the President's Office at ext. 2201.
Templeton Foundation Grant Aims to Advance ‘Smart & Good Schools’ Model

SUNY Cortland’s ongoing initiative to instill character education in the nation’s high schools received a major boost this spring when the College and an affiliated institute were awarded nearly $2.7 million in grants from the John Templeton Foundation.

In early April, the West Conshohocken, Pa.-based foundation, which posts information about its purpose and activities on the Web at www.templeton.org, awarded the four-year cycle of grants to the College’s Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility), located in Van Hoesen Hall, and the Institute for Excellence & Ethics, a newly formed non-profit organization in Fayetteville, N.Y.

Thomas Lickona and Matthew Davidson will administer the grant. Lickona, childhood and early childhood education, has directed the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs since its inception in 1994. Davidson has directed the Institute for Excellence & Ethics since April and previously served the College since 2002 as the center’s research director.

The center and institute will use the funds to proceed with their latest proposed project, “Building Smart & Good Schools: Capacity-Building, Research, Development and Dissemination to Advance a New Paradigm of Character Education,” Lickona said.

“The John Templeton Foundation is pleased to award a grant to SUNY Cortland to support the next phase of the Building Smart & Good Schools’ project,” observed Kimon Sargent, vice president of human sciences with the John Templeton Foundation. “Tom Lickona’s long-term leadership in the field of character education suggests that this new model for character development is ready to go to a new level of national prominence, research validation and school implementation.”

High schools across the nation grapple with apathy, underachievement, cheating and disrespectful behavior among their students, Lickona noted.

“Our hope is to help high schools become places that build character through a commitment to excellence and ethics,” he noted. “This is the first model of comprehensive character education at the high school level, where character education has been least evident and where it is arguably most needed. The national movement to date has been largely an elementary school phenomenon.”

During the grant period, the center and institute will develop instructional and professional development materials to enable schools to implement the vision presented in “Smart & Good High Schools: Integrating Excellence and Ethics for Success in School, Work and Beyond,” a 227-page report released in 2005 by Lickona and Davidson.

“We plan to design materials for high school teachers that are applicable to their subject areas — such as English, history, math and science — and that can be used in their daily curriculum work,” Lickona said.

The grant also supports the center and institute in their efforts to build the human and economic capital that will enable the Smart & Good Schools work to become a self-sustaining and enduring part of character education and school improvement and to conduct evaluation research. The funds will also be used to develop Smart & Good programs, initially by working closely with four-to-six pilot high schools in partnership with selected high school reform organizations. Additionally, the grant will help to train, coach and support high school staff to implement the Smart & Good model by developing a National Faculty and establishing a national network of participating schools as well as to disseminate information on and advocate for the educational model through publishing, presentations, and a Smart & Good awards program.

“Smart & Good Schools promotes a paradigm shift for the whole field of K-12 character education, focusing only on ‘moral character,’ that is, best ethical behavior, to focusing on both ‘performance character,’ or striving for excellence, as well as moral character. This new vision makes character education much more relevant to academics.”

For more information, contact Lickona at ext. 2456 or Davidson at (315) 559-4853 or davids28@twcny.rr.com. The full “Smart & Good High Schools” report is available free on the center’s Web site, at www.cortland.edu/character. See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

Cortland Names Mike Discenza Women’s Golf Head Coach

SUNY Cortland has named Mike Discenza as its new women’s golf head coach. Discenza served as the team’s interim head coach this past spring in place of Dick Costello, who coached the program for two seasons.

Discenza is currently the assistant golf professional at the Skaneateles Country Club. His duties include running tournaments, conducting lessons and clinics and serving as the co-chair of the club’s junior golf program. He also regularly competes in Central New York Professional Golfers Association (PGA) events. Discenza is working toward membership in the PGA and currently holds the standing of pre-apprentice.

A native of Cortland, Discenza graduated from Ithaca College in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in history. He earned a master’s degree in secondary education at Widener University (Pa.) in 2007.

Discenza was a strong safety on Ithaca’s football team during the 2001-02 school year before suffering a career-ending injury. The Bombers finished 11-2 that season and advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals. Discenza served as an assistant football coach at Ithaca during both the 2004 and 2006 seasons and was an assistant coach working with defensive backs at Widener in the fall of 2005. He also served as an assistant golf coach at Widener during the 2005-06 season.

A 2000 alumnus of Homer High School, Discenza lettered in golf, football and basketball on the scholastic level. In his senior season, he earned Section III individual medalist honors while leading the Trojans to a sectional team title. He was an all-league performer and participated in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships. Discenza was named the team Most Valuable Player in both football and golf as a senior and was the basketball squad’s Most Improved Player in 1998.
Twenty-Four Students Receive Scholarships to Study Abroad

SUNY Cortland has awarded $21,100 in scholarships to 24 students to help offset the cost of their studies abroad this summer and fall.

The students won the scholarships, ranging from $400 to $1,500, based on several criteria, including high academic achievement, financial need and involvement in extracurricular activities. They will study in Australia, England, Costa Rica, Turkey, Ireland, Mali, Belize, France or China.

SUNY Cortland offers five scholarships for study in a foreign country. The students who were awarded scholarships for the fall and summer were selected from among 29 qualified candidates.

Recipients of 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, based on academic achievement and extracurricular activities. The scholarship is $400 for summer recipients and $1,000 for fall recipients.

**Recipients for Summer 2007:***
- **Daniel Chaize**, a graduate student from Cortland, N.Y., in the Adolescence Education: Earth Science Program, for study at the Summer Teacher Institute in Environmental Studies and Culture in Belize.
- **Elizabeth Credi**, a senior health major from Batavia, N.Y., for study in Paris.
- **Alison Dyer**, a junior history major from Pearl River, N.Y., for study in Cork, Ireland.
- **Jacquelyn Getman**, a graduate student from Rochester, N.Y., in the Adolescence Education: Biology Program, for study at the Summer Teacher Institute in Environmental Studies and Culture in Belize.
- **Jill Hotchkiss**, a graduate student from Homer, N.Y., in the Teaching Students with Disabilities program, for study at the Belize Teachers Institute.
- **Megan Swansen**, a senior childhood education major from Putnam Valley, N.Y., for study in Costa Rica.
- **Joanna Verdi**, a sophomore art major from West Islip, N.Y., for study in China.

**Recipients for Fall 2007:**
- **Phillip Bolton**, a junior professional writing major from Middleville, N.Y., for study in London.
- **Mary Kay Blackford**, a senior childhood education major from Rockville Centre, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia.
- **Katie Elliott**, a senior recreation major from Richfield Springs, N.Y., for study in Australia.
- **Krista O’Donnell**, a senior early childhood education major from Newark Valley, N.Y., for study in London.
- **Kira Ripley**, a senior special education major from McGraw, N.Y., for study in London.
- **Andrea Wissink**, a senior biology major from Rock Tavern, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia.

**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 $750 for summer recipients and $1,500 for fall recipients.

**Recipients for Summer 2007:**
- **Elisabeth Grossman**, a senior communication studies and political science major from Camden, N.Y., for study in Dublin, Ireland.
- **Maria Mead**, a senior psychology major from Middletown, N.Y., for study in Costa Rica.
- **Sara Richardson**, a senior health major from Hilton, N.Y., for study in Mali.
- **Erin Grosso**, a junior international studies major from Schenectady, N.Y., for study in Costa Rica.

**Recipients for Summer 2007:**
- **Samantha Armstrong**, a senior recreation major from Richfield Springs, N.Y., for study in Costa Rica.
- **Lauren Sikora**, a senior international studies major from Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y., for study in Turkey.
- **Sarah Voorhees**, a sophomore international studies major from Buffalo, N.Y., for study in Costa Rica.

**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.

**Recipients for Fall 2007:**
- **Whitney Battin**, a senior physical education major from Cortland, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia.
- **Nicole McAlvin**, a senior biology major from Holbrook, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia.

**Gail Reed ’67 Scholarship**

Established by Gail Reed ’67 to recognize the profound impact of her own study abroad experience, this scholarship awards $1,000 for study abroad to students demonstrating financial need and high academic achievement.

**Recipient for Fall 2007:**
- **Greg Leder**, a junior kinesiology major from Niskayuna, N.Y., for study in London.

**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.

**Recipient for Fall 2007:**
- **Alessandra Welsh**, a senior early childhood and childhood education major from Maryland, N.Y., for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia.

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

**President’s Office Awards**

**Millennials Initiative Grant**

The President’s Office has announced that a Millennials Initiative Grant was awarded to Erin Boylan and Doug DeRancy, alumni affairs, and Jennifer Janes and Jessica Moquin, The Cortland Fund, for “Student Leadership/Alumni Philanthropy Cultivation Events.”
Christina Acquaviva Earns Academic All-America Honors

SUNY Cortland senior women’s track and field standout Christina Acquaviva of Utica, N.Y., has been selected as a 2007 ESPN the Magazine national College Division women’s track and field/cross country third-team Academic All-American.

The Academic All-America teams are selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). The College Division national team consists of all Division II, Division III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) schools in the United States and Canada.

Acquaviva was initially voted to the District I College Division all-academic first team, which made her eligible for national consideration. District I consists of schools in New York, New England and five Canadian provinces. Acquaviva is one of only 45 student-athletes named to the national team, including only two from schools in District I.

An adolescence education: biology major, Acquaviva had a 3.34 cumulative grade point average entering the spring semester. She won outdoor NCAA Division III track and field titles in heptathlon and the 100-meter hurdles this past spring and finished her career as a seven-time All-American. She also was the indoor national runner-up in the 55-meter hurdles this past winter.

Acquaviva’s All-America performances also include fourth and fifth-place finishes in the heptathlon as a junior and sophomore, respectively, along with seventh-place showings in both the 55-meter hurdles (indoor) and 100-meter hurdles (outdoor) as a sophomore.

Among her accomplishments are school records in the heptathlon, pentathlon, 55-meter hurdles, 100-meter hurdles and javelin. She also was named the Most Outstanding Athlete at the 2007 ECAC Division III Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships and finished her career with a total of 11 State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) individual titles.

Salary Increases and Promotions Announced

The Human Resources Office has announced recipients of United University Professional salary increases and promotions effective in July.

Professional Salary Increases
Tina Aversano, institutional advancement
Robert Davenport, facilities
Jose Feliciano, admissions
Laurie Klotz, academic computing
Glenn Wright, environmental health and safety
Patricia Wright, academic computing

Professional Promotions
Betsy Cheetham, admissions, to senior admissions advisor, SL4.
Juanita Larrabee, facilities, to staff associate, SL4. Campus title: manager of contracts and compliance.
Benjamin Patrick, administrative computing, to senior programmer analyst, SL4.
Bruce Perine, accounts payable, to staff associate, SL4.
Chris Poole, academic computing, to assistant director of computing services, SL5. Campus title: associate director, desktop support services.
Joseph Westbrook, facilities, to associate facilities program coordinator, SL4.

For more information, contact the Human Resources Office at ext. 2302.

News Briefs

CALS Lecture Grant Applications Available

Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALS) Lecture Grant Applications are now available for the 2007-08 academic year.

The fall semester deadline is as follows: Applications received by Wednesday, Sept. 5, are eligible for a maximum award of $500 for programs taking place during September, October, November or December. Applications received after this date may be eligible for any remaining fall semester funds.

The Spring 2008 semester deadline is as follows: Applications received by Wednesday, Jan. 30, are eligible for a maximum award of $500 for programs taking place during January, February, March, April or May. Applications received after this date may be eligible for any remaining spring semester funds.

For more information or to request a copy of the CALS Lecture Grant Application, contact Sandra Wohleber at ext. 2321 or via e-mail at wollebers@cortland.edu.

Admissions Open House 2007-08 Dates Announced

The Admissions Office has announced its 2007-08 Open House dates.

The Fall 2007 Open Houses will be held on Monday, Oct. 8, and Monday, Nov. 12. A Spring 2008 Open House will be held on Saturday, April 5.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at ext. 4711.

Fall Bulletin Reminder

The first issue of The Bulletin will be published Monday, Aug. 27. The deadline for all submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

All copy should be typewritten and sent to the Publications and Electronic Media Office, Brockway Hall, Room 207-F. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.
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and the possibilities and problems in moving to a different energy economy. Roberts’ work has appeared in Newsweek and Harper’s and he has been a frequent guest on national television and radio programs including CNN, NPR and PBS.

• Michael Klare, director of the Five College Program in Peace and World Security at Hampshire College in Western Massachusetts, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, in Brown Auditorium. A distinguished scholar, Klare has written numerous books, including Resource Wars: The New Landscape of Global Conflict (2001) and Blood and Oil: The Dangers and Consequences of America’s Growing Dependency on Imported Petroleum (2004).

• Angus Wright, a scholar and activist on issues related to the environment, social justice and globalization, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Brown Auditorium. A professor emeritus of environmental studies at California State University, Sacramento, Wright is the author of The Death of Ramon Gonzalez: The Modern Agricultural Dilemma (1990), an account of the environmental and health consequences of modern-day agricultural practices, especially on the most “at risk” populations.

• Diana Muir, author of Reflections in Bullough’s Pond: Economy and Ecosystem in New England (2002), will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, in Old Main Third Floor Mezzanine. Using Bullough’s Pond as a window into an extraordinary history of one environment, Muir explores the ripple effects over time of human interaction with the land and the land’s power to shape us.

• Sandra Steingraber, whose book Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment (1998) propelled her to the front ranks of contemporary environmental activists, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Described by the Sierra Club as the “new Rachel Carson,” Steingraber’s newest work, Having Faith: An Ecologist’s Journey to Motherhood (2001), describes the environmental hazards affecting mothers during pregnancy and their infants. A former faculty member at Cornell University, Steingraber is currently a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Ithaca College.

• William Reese, a population ecologist at the University of British Columbia, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, in Brown Auditorium. Reese is the originator of “ecological footprint” analysis, a methodology communities around the world have used to assess the sustainability of their economic development.

For more information on the series, contact Sheets at ext. 2060.

Coming Events

Tuesday, July 31
Red Cross Bloodmobile: Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 11 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 3
Picnic: Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Lusk Field House, noon-4 p.m., by invitation.

Wednesday, Aug. 22
International Student Orientation: Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23
Fall Opening Meeting: Corey Union Function Room, light refreshments at 8:30 a.m., meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 26
Academic Convocation: Park Center Alumni Arena, 4 p.m.

Dining Services Hours Posted
Hours through Aug. 23

Hilltop
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dunkin’ Donuts
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.-noon