College Awarded $150,000 in Federal Funding For Excellence in Science Teaching Initiative

Rep. Sherwood Boehlert recently informed SUNY Cortland that its Excellence in Science Teaching Initiative has been awarded $150,000 out of a nearly $400 billion spending bill approved by Congress on Nov. 20. Biological Sciences Professors Peter Ducey and Elliot Mason were the principle authors of this proposal submitted last February by the College through the Research Foundation of SUNY.

"Since the original appropriations request was for $626,327, the authors will have to modify the scope of the project to achieve as much as possible with the $150,000 funding available," explained Amy Henderson-Harr, sponsored programs.

"The SUNY Cortland community sincerely thanks Congressman Boehlert for his help," said President Erik J. Bitterbaum. "This appropriation reflects the strong collaboration and cooperation between the Congressman's office, the Research Foundation's Office of Foundation Relations, the Provost's Office, and other offices across campus, all of whom were instrumental in helping secure these funds. As a result, we will be able to address three areas critical to improving science teaching at the regional and national levels."

Dowd Gallery Receives $5,000 NEH Preservation Assistance Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Dowd Fine Arts Gallery its top Preservation Assistance award of $5,000 to support basic improvements in collections storage and display.

The grant will allow the gallery to purchase archival supplies and environmental monitoring equipment. The gallery manages SUNY Cortland's internationally significant collection of primarily 13th through 20th century European and American works on paper.

Among the prints are lithographs, etchings and linocuts by Lee Bontecou, Jacques Callot, Paul Cézanne, Marc Chagall, Leon Golub, William Hogarth, Allen Jones, Henri Matisse, Joan Miró, Henry Moore, Pablo Picasso and Richard Serra. A 1974 photograph by Ansel Adams is among the most popular pieces in the collection.

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Van Etten Earns President’s Award For Excellence in Classified Service

Melinda Van Etten, a secretary I in the Counseling Center and a 22-year employee at SUNY Cortland, is the 2004 recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum presented Van Etten with the award in Corey Union on Friday, Dec. 3, during the 35th Annual Service Recognition Ceremony sponsored by the Human Resources Office.

The award was created in 2002 to annually recognize one individual “for extraordinary achievement and to encourage the continuation of excellence.”

Nominees must be current SUNY Cortland full-time classified service employees with at least three years of continuous service. Nominations may be made by a supervisor, co-worker or other college community member.

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College Foundation Board Members Named
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Board Officers, Members Elected To Cortland College Foundation

The Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors elected new officers and board members at its Sept. 10 annual meeting in the Park Center C-Club Hall of Fame Room.

Two graduates were elected to one-year officer positions on the board of directors. Victor M. Rumore '84 will remain as the chair and Bernard Thoma '78 will serve as the vice chair. A friend of the College, Robert C. Howe, will continue to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors and was elected as secretary of the board. Charles Spaulding, a friend of the College who is a continuing member of the Foundation Board of Directors, was also elected as treasurer of the foundation.


The board selected five SUNY Cortland graduates to serve three-year terms as board members: Katherine Emerich Compagni '68, M.A. '74 William Dickerson '69, Kevin Keegan '76, Charles Young '86 and Joseph Iorizzo '89. Compagni is a retired Ithaca College faculty member. She and her husband, Joseph, live in Homer, N.Y. Dickerson of Fullerton, Calif., is executive director of the Cal State Fullerton Foundation. He is married to Maura Feeney Dickerson '71. Keegan teaches journalism at the James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring, Md., where he lives with his wife, Linda. Young is senior vice president and chief marketing officer of Tyco International in Princeton, N.J. He is married to Margaret Palmer Young '85. Iorizzo of New York City directs Real Estate Investment Banking for the New York Branch of Eurohypo AG. He is married to Kristen Ruyack Iorizzo '92.

Two alumni, Genevieve Burchans Barden '60 and David Hempson '76, were chosen to serve for a second term on the board. Barden lives in Cortland. Hempson is senior vice president of Marietta Corporation. He and his wife, Karen Hempson '78, also live in Cortland. Three friends of SUNY Cortland were appointed to continuing three-year terms on the board: Donald "Bud" Ames, Jean Cadwallader and Louise Conley. Ames is the owner of Ames Linen Service in Cortland. He and his wife Diane reside in Cortland. Cadwallader is business manager for the Homer Animal Clinic. She and her husband, William, live in Homer. Conley is in private practice as a psychotherapist. She is the granddaughter of the late Francis J. Cheney, who served as the former Cortland Normal School's second principal. She and her husband Arthur live in Princeton, N.J.

Nominations Due Dec. 14 for Chancellor’s and Distinguished Service Professorship Awards

Nominations are now being sought for the following awards: Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, and Distinguished Service Professorships.

Persons wishing to nominate someone for any of these awards should submit the nominee’s name and a detailed justification not to exceed two typed pages to Virginia Levine, president’s office, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 14. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail, to virginia@em.cortland.edu. Individuals may not nominate themselves for these awards.

To be eligible for the Excellence in Librarianship Award, individuals must possess an MLS and must have served as a full-time librarian at SUNY Cortland for at least three years.

Eligibility for the Excellence in Professional Service Award is limited to those non-classified service employees with more than 50 percent of their work assignment in non-teaching services and who have completed at least three years of continuous full-time professional service.

Faculty nominees for the Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities award may hold any academic rank, but they must have completed three years of full-time service on their home campus prior to the year of nomination.

Eligibility for the Distinguished Service Professorship is limited to individuals who have been full professors for at least five years and who have completed at least 10 years of full-time service in SUNY.

Complete criteria for eligibility may be found in the president’s office, Miller Building, Room 408, or online at www.sysadm.suny.edu/provost/facultyawards.htm. It should be noted that these criteria are for a previous award year, since guidelines for this year have not yet been released from System Administration. Criteria tend to remain constant across years.
Kari DeKalb Named Phi Kappa Phi Scholar

Kari DeKalb of Little Falls, N.Y., a senior elementary education major, was named the College's Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Month for December.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society that recognizes academic excellence in the fields of higher education. She is being honored by the Cortland chapter for her academic achievements, leadership and volunteer involvement.

DeKalb, who has minored in anthropology and plans to graduate in December, has maintained a 3.77 grade point average. Since she transferred from Wagner College in 2002, she has been named to the Dean's List each semester and the President's List in 2004.

She was inducted into the multi-disciplinary honor society Phi Kappa Phi and the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi. DeKalb was honored with a 2003 Overseas Academic Award Scholarship.

A former Student Government Association senator, she also served as an officer in the Sociology and Anthropology Club. DeKalb traveled to Australia in 2003 to study at the University of the Sunshine Coast. She student taught at a high-need school in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen and interned at Green Chimneys Child Services in Brewster, N.Y. She was active in the French and Spanish language clubs at the International House in New York City.

At Wagner, DeKalb was awarded both academic and music scholarships. A Dean's List student, she served as a peer counselor and on the student government. A musician on the French horn, she participated in the Wagner College Chorus, the Wagner College band, the Staten Island Orchestra and the New York City Interschool Orchestra.

“Four of my life, I have been working not only to better myself as a person, but also to become a teacher,” DeKalb said. “There is no other profession that touches as many lives as teaching does and allows for such personal growth and endless possibilities. I enjoy working with children of all cultures and backgrounds and have discovered that I have a love for working with students who know English as a second language.

“I plan to get my master's degree in special education so that I may help the children who most need it and who are often misunderstood. During my summers off, I am making plans to travel the world teaching English in various countries including Cambodia and Mongolia.”

SUNY Cortland Announces Awards For Leadership in Civic Engagement

Four individuals will receive inaugural Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards which recognize exemplary service in support of community agencies, social change and civic engagement by SUNY Cortland students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members.

SUNY Cortland students Ray Grogan of Liverpool, N.Y., and Lauren Caruso of Rochester, N.Y., will be presented with Leadership for Civic Engagement Student Awards. Michael Whitlock, the director of Corey Union and Conferences, will receive the Leadership for Civic Engagement in Faculty/Staff Award, while community member Carla Plunkett, who directs Cortland YWCA Bridges for Kids, will be honored with the Leadership for Civic Engagement Community Award.

The award recipients, along with service-oriented scholarship recipients, will be recognized during a Civic Engagement Recognition Reception scheduled for late March. Students honored with a Leadership in Civic Engagement Award will be considered for a $1,000 SUNY Cortland Civic Engagement Leader of the Year Award funded through the Cortland College Foundation.

Award winners were selected by the Civic Engagement Student Development Subcommittee, which has members from a number of campus departments and offices that have been involved in opportunities for the campus community members to be actively involved in service activities with local, regional and national organizations.

Winners of ‘Thankful’ Essay Contest Listed

Six SUNY Cortland campus community members were awarded prizes for their short essays written on the theme of “What Are You Thankful for at SUNY Cortland?”

Campus Stores Director Emily Gray organized the contest and chaired the committee that selected first, second and third place winners in student and faculty/staff categories.

College community members were invited to pen their thoughts of 100 or fewer words on that which they cared about the most at SUNY Cortland, whether it be the facilities, community atmosphere, an academic department, friends, colleagues, teachers, activities or other students.

Students, faculty and staff submitted a total of 14 essays within the contest deadline of Nov. 17.

The winners were formally announced on Dec. 6 and presented with Auxiliary Services Corporation gift cards valued at $50 for the two first place winners, $25 for the two second place winners and $10 for the pair of third place winners.

Four faculty and staff members submitted essays. The winners were: Barbara Leo, Bursar's Office, first place; Martha Howlett, Registrar's Office, second place; and Melinda Ferguson, Physical Plant, third place.

The student winners were: Lauren O'Donnell, a junior Spanish education major from Camillus, N.Y., first place; Jennifer Rogers, a graduate master of science in health education major from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., second place; and Alecia Donahue, a sophomore special education and childhood education major from Portville, N.Y., third place.

One student expressed gratitude for overcoming great adversity to obtain an education. Another touted the assistantship positions at Cortland that offer students professional experience. A third extolled the behind-the-scenes positive influence of a cleaner on students in one residence hall. One staff member recognized the rewarding and educational qualities of the sandwich seminars while another noted the central role students play in the institution’s existence.

Besides Gray, the judge's committee included Mary Lynch Kennedy, English; Jennifer Wilson, public relations; and Gail Wood, library.
Van Etten Awarded for Excellence in Classified Service

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Source for CSEA employees. She is the office liaison with both the Master's in Social Work and Counselor Education programs through Syracuse University. She has been a State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) volunteer for many years and is on the CSEA Picnic Committee.

She recently suggested and then took the lead in having the Counseling Office coordinate the National Strength and Conditioning Exam for the Exercise Science and Sport Studies students, noted Richard Peagler, counseling and student development.

Van Etten also coordinates the Dante’s exam for adult learners, which often means working after hours, added Peagler. Her unselfish devotion to others and willingness to volunteer her own time is also exemplified as coordinator of the College Level Equivalency Program. The nominators quoted a CLEP student who remarked, “Melinda was the main reason why I was able to succeed and receive my degree.”

Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards

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concentrating on voter registration and voter education. Grogan graduates in May and is applying to law school.

Lauren Caruso
A junior sociology major and women's studies minor, Caruso is the campus chapter coordinator for Democracy Matters, a non-partisan campaign finance reform group. She is also involved in Planet of Women for Equality and Respect (POWER). Caruso has served as a Student Government Association senator and an Institute for Civic Engagement intern involved in the voter registration and voter education campaign.

Grogan and Caruso helped register 1,350 students to vote this semester. Caruso organized a number of events at which students were invited to register to vote. Grogan was invited into a number of classrooms to register students in their classes. Both students are currently organizing voter education events.

Michael Whitlock
Director of Corey Union and Conferences Michael Whitlock has been coordinating the Operation Sharing book program on campus since 1997. Operation Sharing is a not-for-profit book redistribution program of the Christian Appalachian Project and has resulted in distributing over $1.5 million worth of books to the campus and the larger Cortland community. Books have been distributed to Senior Games participants, families participating during student orientation, the Cortland City schools, Business Showcase participants, the Migrant Educational Opportunity Program and through many other community agencies.

He credits the “Book Warriors” in the Physical Plant for their hard work and cooperation in making this program work. He believes that the program has brought pleasure to many members of the community from the very young to our senior citizens and hopes to be able to continue bringing books to the community for many years to come.

Carla Plunkett
Cortland resident Carla Plunkett has been involved with community programming initiatives for many years. The Bridges for Kids program provides children ages 5-12 with positive adult role models. Each child is paired with a trained adult volunteer with whom they spend a few hours a week doing one-on-one activities. Under Plunkett's leadership, more than 1,400 SUNY Cortland students have served as mentors for community youth. Her outreach efforts and energy have resulted in increased self esteem and a greater feeling of worth for more than 1,000 young people throughout Cortland County.

Plunkett also serves as vice president of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council and vice chair of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Program Committee. She is an active member of the nutrition programming for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County Advisory Committee, the Eat Well Play Hard of Cortland County Partnership, the Cortland County Healthy Heart Coalition and the King’s Daughters.
**Sports Schedule**

**Capital Letters Denote Home Games**

**Friday, Dec. 17**
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL vs. RIT, 4 p.m.
MEN’S BASKETBALL vs. RIT, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**
Men’s Basketball at Embry-Riddle (FL), 7:30 p.m.
(Land of Magic Classic, Daytona Beach, FL)
Wrestling at Citrus Invite/Duals, TBA
(Fort Lauderdale, FL)

**Thursday, Dec. 30**
Men’s Basketball vs. Colby-Sawyer (NH), 4 p.m.
(Land of Magic Classic, Daytona Beach, FL)
Wrestling at Citrus Invite/Duals, TBA
(Fort Lauderdale, FL)

**Tuesday, Jan. 4**
Women’s Basketball at Hartwick, 6 p.m.
Men’s Basketball at Hartwick, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 8**
WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS — New York Cup, 7 p.m.
Wrestling — NY/PA Duals, 11 a.m. at Lycoming College (PA)

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**
WRESTLING vs. Springfield (MA) and York (PA), 1 p.m.
MEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Lebanon Valley (PA), 7 p.m.
Women’s Basketball at Buffalo St., 6 p.m.
Women’s Ice Hockey at Utica, 7 p.m.
Men’s Basketball at Buffalo St., 8 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 13**
MEN’S/WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING vs. Oneonta, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 14**
WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 2 p.m.
MEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Hobart, 7 p.m.
Wrestling — Whitehill Duals, 9 a.m. at Lycoming College (PA)
Men’s/Women’s Indoor Track and Field at NYC Collegiate Opener, TBA

**Saturday, Jan. 15**
WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 2 p.m.
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL vs. Fredonia, 2 p.m.
MEN’S BASKETBALL vs. Fredonia, 4 p.m.
MEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Johnson & Wales (RI), 7 p.m.
Women’s Gymnastics at West Chester (PA) (with Bridgeport), noon.
Men’s Swimming and Diving at RPI Invitational, noon.

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**Thomas W. Steele Will Retire After 33 Years**

Thomas W. Steele, physical education, and a SUNY Cortland faculty member since 1971, will retire from the College on Dec. 31. He will be awarded the designation of professor emeritus of physical education.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Steele graduated from Coventry High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Hiram College, a master’s degree in physical education from Kent State University and a Ph.D. in physical education from The Ohio State University.

Steele began his professional career in 1962 teaching health and physical education and coaching football in Coyahoga Falls (Ohio) Schools and then taught biology and coached football at East Liverpool (Ohio) High in 1964-65. He was a physical education instructor and coached golf, basketball and football at Adrian College in Michigan for two years. From 1968-71, he was an instructor and a football graduate assistant coach under Ohio State’s legendary football mentor Woody Hayes. Steele was a staff member on the 1968 national champion football team.

He joined SUNY Cortland in September 1971 as an assistant professor and an assistant football coach. He remained on the Red Dragon football coaching staff until 1978. He directed the men’s cross country team from 1978-85. He served as president of the New York State Track and Field Coaches Association in 1981-82.

For 10 years, Steele taught summer outdoor education courses to SUNY Cortland physical education majors studying at the College’s Camp Huntington facilities at Raquette Lake.

Steele was the Physical Education Department’s graduate coordinator for 20 years. In 1978, he and Assistant Professor Sally Wallace established the Project Adventure program at SUNY Cortland. Steele was among those faculty in the early 1980s who created the Project Adventure facilities in Park Center, Room D-305, and in 1983, the ropes course at Camp Huntington.

For three decades, Steele taught secondary methods courses and education foundations courses within the department. A former chair of the Graduate Executive Committee, he served on the Undergraduate Commencement Committee for 15 years. He was president of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society in 1994-95.

Within the community, he served on the Cortland Youth Bureau Board of Directors and has been active with the Homer United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Nancy, will continue to reside in Cortland. They have two daughters, Amy and Lori, and four grandchildren.

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**ASC Winter Break Schedules Posted**

**ASC Office**
Open Monday-Friday during winter break from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with the following exceptions:
Closed Friday, Dec. 24
Closing Friday, Dec. 31, at noon.

**The Bookmark**
Closing Wednesday, Dec. 15, at midnight.

**Caleion Room**
Closed

**The Colloquium**
Closed
Free coffee and toast will be available to students from 8-10 a.m. Dec. 13-15.

**Crossroads Café**
Closed

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**Dragon’s Court**
Closing Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m.

**Dragon’s Den**
Closing Friday, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m.
Reopening Monday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 a.m.

**Dunkin’ Donuts**
Closing Thursday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m.

**Neubig Dining Hall**
Closing Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

**The Poolside**
Closing Monday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m.

**Raquette Pizza**
Closing Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 11:30 p.m.
All hours subject to change.
College Awarded Funding For Teaching Initiative

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Currently, SUNY Cortland offers 61 undergraduate and graduate teacher certification programs and certificates of advanced study. Cortland students intending to become high school science teachers must complete a major in one of the sciences — biology, chemistry, geology or physics — and also meet the New York State requirements for teaching certification.

“The initiative is aimed at improving the College’s ability to produce teachers with strong backgrounds in science, who will be confident and enthusiastic about both science and science teaching,” explained Ducey and Mason in their proposal.

“Many studies suggest that too few students are choosing science education as a college major and career path,” the proposal states. “Greater numbers of students can be attracted to science education programs by modernizing the facilities and equipment used by science education students, by improving the visibility and campus status of science education programs, and by better integrating science-content and science-education courses.

“We will improve the educational experiences of our science-education students in their science content classes by providing them with advanced equipment and modern information technology interfaces. We will strengthen the connections among the courses taken in the different science disciplines, as well as between the content and pedagogy classes. These connections will be improved by using similar equipment, by using similar information technology, and, most importantly, by using common examples and themes across content and pedagogy courses.”

The authors added that an emphasis will be made on the modern linkages between scientific data collection and data management using information technology.

At the College’s outdoor education facilities, remote-sensing devices will be put in place, they explained.

“These devices will be able to collect multi-disciplinary environmental data and send it via satellite back to our classrooms on campus. We will use these data in a wide range of classes to make comparisons with laboratory studies and to make connections among the sciences and between science content and pedagogy courses.

“Central to any proposal for improving science teachers must be the education of prospective teachers in their science courses. Those teachers who have strong content knowledge, extensive experience with the tools of their discipline, and an understanding of the power and excitement of science are most likely to be able to convey this knowledge and understanding to their students.

“In preparing future science teachers, we at the college level must provide our science-teaching candidates not only with content knowledge, but also with an understanding of the importance of science to both individuals and society. Because examples and themes such as health care, energy resources, or environmental issues cut across scientific disciplines, their use in the classroom will reinforce both the interconnectedness and the importance of the sciences for students at all levels.”

Henderson-Harr pointed out that the Excellence in Science Teaching Initiative is one component of SUNY Cortland’s ongoing integrated efforts to contribute to regional and national goals for improving science, technology and math education.

“In recent years, we have greatly improved our ability to teach chemistry by significantly upgrading available instrumentation through two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants, private donations and College purchases,” she explained.

“Additionally, we have received funding for numerous research projects that provide significant opportunities for undergraduates to participate in research across the scientific disciplines. Recently, we submitted an NSF proposal to improve the linkages of course work in the new conservation biology major, adding GIS technology to the taxonomy courses.”

Faculty-Staff Directory Changes Announced

Please note the following corrections to the 2004-2005 Faculty and Staff Directory:

- On page 34, the e-mail address for Nabila Khazzaka should be khazzakan@cortland.edu
- On pages 19 and 24, Heather Bridge is listed as being on leave Spring 2005. She will not be on leave during the spring semester.
- To report a change or to request a directory, call the Publications and Electronic Media Office at ext. 2519 or send a request by e-mail to lundbergp@cortland.edu.

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and Heritage Preservation. It is the second conservation project awarded to the gallery since August when the Lower Hudson Conference announced a $6,750 grant for the conservation treatment of the outdoor sculpture “Four Squares” by Rochester artist William Sellers. Both projects are included in the gallery’s long-range conservation plan.

Dowd Fine Arts Gallery Director Barbara Racker is pleased with the award, the first NEH grant ever awarded to the gallery.

“With this award, the National Endowment for the Humanities recognizes the gallery’s commitment to the preservation of SUNY Cortland’s permanent collection,” she said. “This project is an important step toward insuring the protection of the collection for the benefit of diverse audiences and their future generations.”

For more information, contact Racker at ext. 4216 or rackerb@cortland.edu.
Faculty-Staff Activities

Ellen Hill, English, presented a paper on “Separate Cultures vs. Interconnected Cultures: Strategies for Moving Students from a Multicultural to a Global Literary Perspective,” and ran a related workshop at the New York State English Council’s annual conference held in October in Albany, N.Y. She also presented a paper titled “Bobbie Ann Mason’s In Country: The Quintessential Novel for Developing a Global Literary Perspective” at the 14th annual Central New York Conference on Language and Literature.

Denise D. Knight, English, has had her article, “All the facts of the case”: Charlotte Perkins Gilman’s ‘Lost’ Letter to Dr. S. Weir Mitchell,” accepted for publication in the January 2005 issue of American Literary Realism.

A critical review by Kathryn Kramer, art and art history, of the Art Institute of Chicago’s exhibition and catalogue, Negotiating History: Art and the German Past, appears in the current issue of German Studies Review.

Charles Spink, professor emeritus of chemistry, is co-author of an article appearing in the December issue of Biopolymers. The study is titled, “Effects of Small Neutral Osmolytes on the Supercoiling Free Energy and Intrinsic Twist of P30 DNA,” and is a result of collaboration with the laboratory of J. Michael Schurr of the University of Washington in Seattle. Spink has been studying the role of hydration on the stability and binding properties of DNA through a method called osmotic stressing. The collaboration with the Schurr lab was a result of mutual interest in examining the effects of osmolytes and hydration on twisting and bending properties of circular DNA.

Michael Toglia, psychology, made three presentations at the annual Psychonomic Society meeting held Nov. 18-21 in Minneapolis, Minn. One was titled “Encoding Context Effects on False Memories: Deep vs. Generative Processing,” co-authored with Michael Carlin of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Yvonne Wakeford from Tufts University, Charles Goodsell ’02, now in graduate school at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and Lisa Hasel, Iowa State University. “Confidence Inflation and Event Recognition with Younger and Older Adult Eyewitnesses” was presented with Jeffrey Neuschatz ’94 and Elizabeth Preston, both of the University of Alabama-Huntsville, James Lampinen from the University of Arkansas, Joseph Neuschatz from Roger Williams University and Goodsell. The third presentation was titled “Effect of Awareness and Crime Seriousness on Eyewitness Identification Accuracy,” for which Toglia’s co-authors were Terri Krangel, Lisa Shin, Richard Chechile and Samuel Sommers, all of Tufts University.

Barbara Wisch, art and art history, was invited by the Universität Trier to be the second reader of the dissertation, “Sibyllendarstellung im Italien der frühen Neuzeit. Über die Identität und den Bedeutungsgehalt einer heidnisch-christlichen Figur” (Representation of Sibyls in Early Modern Italy. Concerning the Identity and Significance of a Pagan-Christian Figure). Wisch also serves on the doctoral committee for another Trier graduate student, who is completing a dissertation titled Entstehung und Funktion von Heiligenbildern im nachtridentinischen Rom (1588–1622)” (The Origin and Function of Images of Saints in Post-Tridentine Rome).

Arden Zipp, chemistry, recently presented a workshop for approximately 30 International Baccalaureate (IB) chemistry teachers at the Tradewinds Resort in St. Pete Beach, Fla. The three-day event was sponsored by the Florida League of International Baccalaureate Schools and was attended by nearly 400 IB teachers from across the United States and Canada. Zipp’s co-presenter was an IB chemistry teacher from Lester Pearson College in Victoria, British Columbia.

Faculty Research Program Applications Available from OSP

Full-time, tenure track faculty and professional staff are eligible to apply for the 2005-06 Faculty Research Program (FRP).

Applications and guidelines are available from the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), Miller Building, Room 402, or on the OSP Web page at www.cortland.edu/osp/igsummary.htm#FRP. Completed applications must be submitted to the appropriate dean by Monday, Feb. 7, and to OSP by Monday, Feb. 14.

Administered by the College Research Committee, the intent of the program is to stimulate research and scholarship by providing funds for projects that are new and likely to lead to future funded research. Awards may be used for investigator stipend, student salaries, travel and other research support.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell has allocated $20,000 for the program. Funded projects must be completed by May 31, 2006.

First-time applicants are encouraged to contact OSP for assistance in matching them with a faculty member who has already successfully applied to the program or to obtain samples of successful grant applications.

College Research Committee members include: Christopher McRoberts, geology, chair; Laurie Klotz, Academic Computing Services; Judith Ouellette, psychology; David Ritchie, library; Susan Stratton, childhood/early childhood education; Sharon Todd, recreation and leisure studies; Marc Wildman, library; Barbara Wisch, art and art history; Amy Henderson-Harr, sponsored programs, ex-officio; and Glen Clarke, sponsored programs, ex-officio.

For more information, contact Glen Clarke, sponsored programs, at ext. 2511.

Faculty Research Program Applications Available from OSP
The Bulletin contains official College announcements, news reports and notices of campus events. Information for The Bulletin should be sent to the Publications and Electronic Media Office, Studio West, Room B-3, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045.

**Memorial Library Hours Posted**

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<td>7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.</td>
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**Winter Session**

(Monday, Jan. 3-Friday, Jan. 14)

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**Park Center Ice Arena Schedule Posted**

**Free Lunchtime Skating**
Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Open Hockey ($5 admission)**
Monday-Tuesday
Noon-1 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday
Noon-2 p.m.
Sunday
6-8 p.m.

**Recreational Skating ($4 admission)**
Tuesday and Thursday
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m.-3 p.m. and
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Admission is free for students who present photo I.D. cards. Skate rentals are available for $2. For more information call ext. 4961.

**Coming Events**

**Monday, Jan. 3**
Winter Session Classes Begin

**Friday, Jan. 14**
Winter Session Classes End

**Monday, Jan. 17**
Martin Luther King Day: Offices Closed

**Tuesday, Jan. 18**
State of the College Address: Corey Union Function Room, 9:30 a.m.
(Continental breakfast begins at 9 a.m.)

**Wednesday, Jan. 19**
Spring Semester Classes Begin

**Note:** Spring semester library hours begin Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005