Five Faculty, Staff Members Will Receive SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence

Five SUNY Cortland faculty and staff members will receive the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Excellence during the 2005 Undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 14, in the Park Center.

The honorees and their awards are:
• Associate Librarian Gretchen V. Douglas will receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship;
• Professor of Health Joseph F. Governali will receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service;
• Residential Services Director Michael C. Holland will receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service;
• Professor of Communication Studies Samuel L. Kelley will receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities; and
• Professor of English Noralyn Masselink will receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Graduate Student Commencement Set for May 13

The SUNY Cortland Commencement ceremony for students earning master’s degrees and certificates of advanced study is scheduled for Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in Bessie L. Park Class of 1901 Physical Education and Recreation Center Alumni Arena.

The College will award 320 master’s degrees and 73 certificates of advanced study. After the ceremony, a reception for the graduates and their guests will take place in the Corey Gymnasium.

An academic procession will open the Commencement. Distinguished Service Professor and Professor of Physics Ram Chaturvedi, who chairs the Faculty Senate, will be the mace bearer.

The Chancellor’s Award process begins at each of the 64 SUNY campuses with nominations submitted by the respective presidents. The SUNY Advisory Committee on Awards then reviews the nominations and makes its recommendations.

O’Callaghan Named Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences

Jerome D. O’Callaghan, an associate professor of political science and a SUNY Cortland faculty member since 1992, has been named associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. The position becomes effective July 1.

Since Sept. 13, O’Callaghan and Rena Janke, biological sciences, have concurrently served as interim associate dean of arts and sciences, filling the position vacated when Virginia Levine was named executive assistant to the president.

O’Callaghan reports directly to Dean of Arts and Sciences Mark Prus, and will assist him in implementing academic policies, supervising the maintenance of student academic records, and working on curriculum development. He will also be involved with international education, civic engagement, grant writing and fund-raising initiatives.

A native of Dublin, Ireland, O’Callaghan earned a bachelor of civil law from University College of Dublin and the professional qualification as a solicitor, the equivalent of a juris doctor, from the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. He came to the U.S. in 1981 and received both a master’s degree and a Ph.D. in political science from the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship.

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies Will Be Held May 14

SUNY Cortland will conduct two undergraduate Commencement ceremonies — one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 2:30 p.m. — on Saturday, May 14, in the Bessie L. Park Class of 1901 Physical Education and Recreation Center Alumni Arena.

An estimated 1,249 seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees during Commencement exercises, which will be presided over by SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

The Honorable Theodore A. McKee ’69, a U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals justice, will address the graduates at both ceremonies. The State University of New York will bestow upon McKee an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during Commencement. Each ceremony begins with an academic procession. A prelude, processional and recessional music will be provided by the Cortland Brass Ensemble.

During the morning Commencement, U.S. Senator Charles E. “Chuck” Schumer, re-elected in 2004 to serve New Yorkers for a second six-year term, will deliver the charge to graduates.

John Ogden, international programs, will carry the mace, a ceremonial staff
Dudgeon and Hodges Recognized by SUNY for Scholarly Accomplishments

State University of New York honored SUNY Cortland faculty members Ralph T. Dudgeon and Bonni Hodges among 52 of its most important and innovative scholars and scientists.

Dudgeon, performing arts, and Hodges, health, each received a Chancellor's Research Recognition Award during a dinner honoring research and scholarship on May 4 at State University Plaza in Albany.

The SUNY-wide honorees were noted for their accomplishments in varied fields, including medicine, history, glass science, economics and statistics, international studies, computer technology, new media arts, systems science, chemistry, art conservation, child clinical psychology, music and organizational creativity.

The men and women selected represent SUNY’s world-class faculty, said SUNY Chancellor Robert King. The honorees represent 25 SUNY campuses, including university centers, doctoral granting institutions, comprehensive and technology colleges.

A selection committee composed of senior SUNY Research Foundation managers evaluated the nominees based on a number of factors. These include: research activities, grants, publications and presentations; involvement of students in their research or other scholarly activities; teaching; community activities; and reputations in their fields.

Dudgeon joined the College in 1985, was promoted to professor in 1994 and chaired the Performing Arts Department from 1997 to 2000. A well-known scholar and major researcher in trumpet performance, he has served as music researcher for Instrumentenmuseum Kremsegg, a musical instrument museum in Kremmünster, Austria since 1996. His published books include The Keyed Bugle (1993) and Das Flugelhorn (2003). He wrote two chapters for The Cambridge Companion to Brass Instruments (1997), “Keyed Brass” and “Learning and Teaching Brass.”

His refereed articles have appeared in key publications including The International Trumpet Guild Journal, Journal of the American Musical Instrument Society, Historic Brass Society Journal and New Grove's Dictionary of Music in the United States. He has many record reviews, music reviews and book reviews to his credit.

A well-known performer both nationally and internationally, Dudgeon has performed both solo and in symphonies in at least 50 locations across the U.S. and in Europe. His recorded work is titled “American Masters for the 21st Century,” “Handel’s Messiah” and “Music for Keyed Bugle.”

Hodges, who joined SUNY Cortland in 1992, was promoted to the rank of associate professor in 1999 and has chaired the Health Department since 2003.

She has been very active in student scholarship, having chaired seven masters' thesis committees and served on seven others. She has supervised thesis topics ranging from “social physique anxiety” to “understanding adolescence tasks.”

Hodge's research in the areas of alcohol and drug prevention, school health prevention and women's health has been published in many refereed journals, including Journal of Health Education, Journal of School Health, Journal of Sex Education and Therapy, and The Catalyst: Journal of the New York State Federation of Professional Health Educators. She wrote Assessment and Planning in Health Programs and numerous monographs and delivered many speeches and presentations in her field.

She has obtained many grants to support her research, assessment, teaching innovations, and work with the American Association of Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Community-School Partnership for Coordinated School Health.

Hodges serves as a consultant for the Cortland County Health Promotion Task Force, the Office for the Aging in Cortland County, the Cortland County Health Department, the Cortland County School District and the Central New York Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). She serves on the advisory board for Annual Editions: Women’s Health and is a manuscript reviewer for several journals.

Faculty Senate
2004-05 Year Closes With Description Change in Catalog

The Faculty Senate closed the 2004-05 academic year with a motion to alleviate some confusion by changing transfer credit description wording in the College's Undergraduate Catalog.

A recommendation by Interim Director of Admissions Mark Yacavone to the Faculty Senate’s Educational Policy Committee (EPC) prompted the Senate’s action taken at its final regularly scheduled meeting May 3 in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

EPC Chair Joseph Governali, health, explained that the existing wording stated that “transfer students from two-year colleges who have an A.A. or A.S. may receive up to 64 hours of transfer credits, depending upon the chosen major at Cortland, and the curriculum completed at the two-year institution.”

Governali said the policy created confusion because students have concluded that it would allow them to transfer 64 credits from a two-year college and additional lower-division credits from others sources, such as College Level Examination Program, up to the limit allowed by the College's residency requirement.

Senators voted unanimously to endorse Governali’s proposed wording change, which reads as follows: “Transfer students may receive up to 64 hours of transfer credit from two-year colleges. This maximum credit total includes any 100 or 200 level Advanced Placement, College Level Examination Program, College Proficiency or International Baccalaureate Credits.”

At the meeting’s end, Faculty Senate Chair Ram Chaturvedi, physics, passed the gavel to Vice Chair Joseph Rayle, foundations and social advocacy, who will serve as chair during the 2005-06 academic year.

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Four Distinguished Faculty Honored with Commemorative Medallions at Ceremony

The SUNY Faculty Senate and Chancellor Robert L. King celebrated university faculty who have been awarded distinguished rank with a public ceremony for the first time on April 29.

All living faculty who have received the designation since its establishment as a university-wide honor in 1973 received a commemorative medallion, 109 of them during Friday’s ceremony.

“One over 300 faculty currently on our campuses have achieved this status,” said Faculty Senate President Joe Hildreth. “By starting a tradition of formally honoring their many contributions to the university, we are recognizing those contributions and showing the public the extent of the talent and commitment within our faculty.”

“These medallions symbolize SUNY’s greatest strength — the commitment to intellectual challenge and growth throughout the university community — and while they are being honored, it is an honor to the university that the recipients will proudly display these medals as they continue to push the boundaries of academia,” said King.

Honored from the College were Distinguished Teaching Professor David Miller, geography, and Distinguished Service Professors Craig Little, sociology/anthropology, Henry Steck, political science, and Ram Chaturvedi, physics.

Educating Autistic and Developmentally Disabled Individuals to Be Addressed May 9

Human service professionals, teachers, parents, students and others involved in the education of children and adults with autism or other developmental disabilities will gather on campus on Monday, May 9.

The 13th annual Conference on Improving Teaching and Learning in Central New York will run from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in Corey Union. The event will feature two nationally recognized presenters in the field.

The featured lecturers and their topics are:

- Eric Larsson, executive director of the Mid-West Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention (LIFE), will focus on early intervention with children with autism; and
- Dennis Reid, director of the Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center, Ltd., will discuss behavioral intervention with adults with mental retardation.

Purchasing Department Deadlines Announced

The deadline for submitting purchase requisitions to be paid from the current fiscal year budget, July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005, is Friday, June 10, 2005.

Emergency situations occurring after June 17 should be addressed to Jon Barrett, purchasing, at ext. 2305.

The Purchasing Department will accept requisitions for the new fiscal year, July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006, beginning on Monday, June 20.

Travel Voucher Deadline Submission is Aug. 31

The deadline for submitting travel vouchers for travel prior to July 1, 2005, is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Because travel before July 1 of this year is an old fiscal year liability, vouchers must be submitted by Aug. 31 for reimbursement before the funds for fiscal year 2004-2005 lapse.

For more information, contact the Accounts Payable Office at ext. 2407.

Cirmo Takes Leave to Direct NSF Program

Chris Cirmo, geology, has been selected as a program director for Hydrologic Sciences in the Geoscience Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF) Headquarters in Arlington, Va.

Cirmo will take a leave-of-absence from the College to spend 15 months with the NSF where he will be responsible for the management of grant proposal cycles, national panel assignments, and decisions on national funding of high-profile hydrological and geosciences-related research projects.

“This is an opportunity I cannot turn down at this point in my career, and I plan on using the experience to support my own research and writing program, and to build valuable connections with the geosciences community and with the NSF Division of Undergraduate Education, for SUNY Cortland,” explained Cirmo.

“It is particularly gratifying for someone from a predominantly undergraduate institution to be selected to such a position. The opportunity to be instrumental in decisions regarding funding of cutting-edge research projects in the geo- and hydrological sciences, along with responsibilities as a representative to national research societies and federal agencies, make this an exciting and unique challenge.”

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Four Named SUNYAC Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

SUNY Cortland women’s tennis player Jen Hemedinger, field hockey midfielder Judy Slopink, women’s basketball guard Kaylin VanDusen and men’s swimmer Andy Chevalier have been chosen as State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award winners in their respective sports during the fall and winter seasons.

The awards are given to one student-athlete in each SUNYAC sport who has the highest cumulative grade point average among all first-team or second-team all-conference selections. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have completed at least three semesters.

The awards were presented by SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King at an April 25 ceremony at the Wyndham Hotel in Syracuse. The Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement within the SUNY system at the Division I, Division III and junior college levels.

Hemedinger, of Binghamton, N.Y., is a special education and childhood education major with a 3.71 overall grade point average. She was part of the winning third doubles team at last fall’s SUNYAC Women’s Tennis Championships, helping the Red Dragons win their second straight league title. She finished the season with a 13-3 doubles record.

Slopink, from Schuyler, N.Y., is a junior sport management major with a 3.56 grade point average. She was sixth on Cortland’s field hockey team in scoring last fall with nine points on two goals and five assists. She was named first team All-SUNYAC for the second straight season and was chosen to compete in the annual North-South Senior All-Star Game. Cortland finished 15-2, won the SUNYAC title and advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals.

VanDusen, from Schuyler, N.Y., is a junior sport management major with a 3.93 grade point average. A three-year starting guard on Cortland’s women’s basketball team, she averaged 11.5 points and two assists per game and was named to the all-league second team. She was selected to the ESPN the Magazine District I All-Academic second team this winter, and was a SUNYAC all-tournament team selection as both a freshman and sophomore. The Red Dragons finished the season 19-7 and advanced to the league tournament semifinals.

Chevalier, of Chazy, N.Y., is a sophomore kinesiology major with a 3.83 grade point average. He won SUNYAC swimming titles this past season in both the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medleys, and he placed second in the 200-yard butterfly. He won all three of those events as a freshman to earn Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet honors at the 2004 SUNYAC Championships. The Red Dragons enjoyed a 10-4 dual-meet record and placed third at the league championship meet this winter.

For more information, contact Fran Elia, sports information, at ext. 5673 or by e-mail to elia@cortland.edu.

Student Art Show Participants, Winners Selected; Exhibit Runs Through May 14

Select 2005: A Student Art Exhibition is on display through Saturday, May 14, at the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

Juror Buzz Spector, chair of the Department of Art at Cornell University and an internationally renowned theorist and artist who specializes in text-based art and sculptural books, chose 60 of 171 entries for Select 2005.

Accepted artists are: Steve Armada, Tim Armbruster, Jill Benham, Nathaniel Brockner, Allison Brown, Heather Cheetham, Chris Colosimo, David Connelly, Kim Doherty, Mike Dropp, Stephen Emery, Jeffrey Fuller, Marie Germano, Benjamin Glezen, Norma Gutierrez, Christian Helwig, Kathleen Herrera, Amanda Hussien, Stefan Kalpakchak, Brooke Keeney, Erik Lasky, Tom Moomian, Noel Passeri, Ashley Pearson, Jiacuy Roché, Sandra Scholtz, David Smith, Robin Sola, Beata Szoboszlai, Megan Taylor, Joe Waszak and Marc Coniglio, Byron Williams, Heather Willis and Adam Zoltowski.

The exhibition includes traditional and new media — digital images and videos; oil and acrylic paintings; charcoal, graphite and conté crayon drawings; books; bronze, clay, wood and mixed media sculpture; weavings; and pottery.

The Gallery offered cash awards for the first time which were also chosen by Spector, as

UUP Recognition Luncheon Set for May 18

The Professional Development Committee of United University Professions (UUP) will hold its Recognition Luncheon for Professionals on Wednesday, May 18, in the Corey Union Caleion Room.

UUP sponsors this annual event to recognize the service that professionals provided to our campus during the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and is free to all UUP members who respond by Wednesday, May 11. Reservations can be made by calling the UUP office at ext. 5991, by sending an email to UUP@cortland.edu, or by returning the bottom half of the mailed invitation. There will be a $10 charge for reservations received after May 11.

Non-UUP members who would like to attend may do so by sending $10 to the UUP office, B18 Old Main, Room B-18. Guests will include President Erik Bitterbaum and Statewide UUP Vice President for Professionals John Marino.

SGA Spring Election Results Announced

The Student Government Association (SGA) held elections April 19-20 for president, vice president and treasurer. The results are as follows:

President: Mary Kate Boland; Vice President: Nicole Tirado; Treasurer: Seth Brown

In addition, two referendums allocating a total of $58,000 of SGA money were passed. $50,000 was allocated to the Student Activities Board to fund Spring Fling 2005-06 and $8,000 will fund the purchase of new equipment for CSTV.

In the two remaining referendums, students passed and supported the Mandatory Activity Fee at $95 a semester per student and NYPIRG at $3.50 a student.

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Undergraduate Commencement
Department/Programs Receptions

The following departments will host receptions for graduates on Saturday, May 14.

**Art and Art History**
Dowd Fine Arts Gallery
11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

**Biological Sciences**
Alumni House
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Chemistry**
Alumni House
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Childhood/Early Childhood Education**
Park Center, Room E-216
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Cinema Studies**
Studio West, Room 133
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Communication Studies**
Studio West, Room 133
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Economics**
Studio West, Room 134
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**English**
Studio West, Room 134
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Exercise Science and Sport Studies**
Park Center, Room C 244
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Geology**
Alumni House
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Geography**
Studio West, Room 103
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Health**
Studio West, Room 104
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**History**
Park Center, Room E-217
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Human Service Studies**
Studio West, Room 132
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**International Communications and Culture**
Studio West, Room 103
11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**International Studies**
Studio West, Room 132
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Mathematics**
Alumni House
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Multicultural and Gender Studies**
Studio West, Room 103
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Performing Arts**
Dowd Fine Arts Gallery
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Physical Education**
Park Center, Hall of Fame Room
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Physics**
Alumni House
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Political Science**
Old Main, Colloquium Room
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Psychology**
Old Main, Room 130
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Recreation and Leisure Studies**
Park Center, Room E-326
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Social Studies**
Park Center, Room E-217
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Sociology/Anthropology**
Studio West, Room 132
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Speech Pathology and Audiology**
McDonald Building
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Five Students Inducted into French Honorary

The International Communications and Culture (ICC) Department announced that five students were inducted into Pi Delta Phi, the national French honorary society, on April 29. They are Nadine Louge, Christina Perelli, Julie Porrilla, Thierry Toréa and Lauren Wilson.

The ICC Department faculty and staff commended the initiates for the work they have done in promoting the French language and cross-cultural communication. This year’s honorary members are ICC Department visiting professors Martine Breillac and David Waterman, and SUNY Cortland alumnae Therese Sullivan Caccavale and Maureen Sullivan.

Undergraduate Commencement Rehearsal Schedule

The following Undergraduate Commencement rehearsals will be held on Friday, May 13, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

**Student Line Marshals**
Park Center Corey Gymnasium, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Faculty Line Marshals**
Park Center, Room D-305, 9-9:30 a.m.

**Floor Marshals**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Readers**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 10:15 –10:30 a.m.

**Gonfaloniers**
Park Center, Room D-305, 10:15– 10:30 a.m.

**Platform Party and Mace Bearers**
Park Center, Room A-307, 10:30- 11 a.m.

**Student Ushers**
Park Center, Room E-201, 4-5:30 p.m.

**Senior Class Members**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 2-3 p.m.

**Singers**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 3-4 p.m.

Graduate Commencement Rehearsal Schedule Posted

Rehearsal for the Graduate Commencement will be held in the Park Center Alumni Arena on Friday, May 13, at the following times:

**Hooders, Reader, Marshals:** 12:30 p.m.

**Platform Party, Gonfaloniers, Mace Bearer, Singer, Musicians:** 1:30 p.m.

Graduate Commencement Reception to Follow Ceremony

The 2005 Graduate Commencement Reception will be held immediately following the May 13 Ceremony in the Park Center, Corey Gymnasium.

For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Christine Wallace at ext. 5453.
Faculty Retirements

Julio A. Fernandez

Julio A. Fernandez, a member of the Political Science Department faculty since 1971, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. He will be designated professor emeritus of political science.

A native of Belize, he graduated from St. John’s College in Belize, where he later taught speech, Latin and Spanish for a year.

He earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in political science from San Diego State University, where he was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

Fernandez earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he was a Haynes Foundation Fellow and received a University of California Fellowship. He was awarded an Organization of American States Fellowship to complete his doctoral research in Argentina.

Between 1963-67, Fernandez was a research assistant and lecturer in the Political Science Department at the University of California-Santa Barbara. From 1967-71, he was an assistant professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

He joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in 1971 as an associate professor of political science. He developed a number of courses in comparative and international politics, including Politics of the Third World and Comparative Politics: Latin America; International Relations in Latin America; and Political Culture and Behavior in Latin America. He also taught International Law.


A longtime Chemistry Department chair, Fernandez has received numerous grants over the years. These include: $98,300 from the National Science Foundation for “A New Environmental Analysis Course and Laboratory;” $25,400 from the American Chemical Society for “Degradation of Gaseous Halocarbons;” $105,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for “Degradation and Transport of Organophosphorous Pesticides;” and $19,978 from Universal Energy Systems for “Hydrolysis of Halogenated and Aromatic Water Pollutants.” He encouraged alumni gifts of more than $50,000 to purchase research instruments.

An accomplished glassblower since his college days, he has taught the skill to SUNY Cortland students for nearly four decades.

For many years, Fernandez served as a member of the Homer (N.Y.) Central School District’s Board of Education and is a former president of the Cortland County School Boards Association. Fernandez has been a long distance runner, having logged approximately 60,000 miles in the last 35 years. He has competed in 85 marathons, including the Boston Marathons in which he received four silver medals for finishing in the top 100. He captured first in the local Finger Lakes Marathon on four occasions and holds the course record.

Within the community, Fernandez coached the club teams that became the varsity soccer programs at both Cortland and Homer High Schools. He also formed the precursor of the women’s cross country team at SUNY Cortland.

He co-authored Latin America: Political Culture and Development (Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1981) and has had scholarly works published in professional journals such as Current History and the Journal of Inter American Studies.

At SUNY Cortland, he co-founded the Development and Teaching Internship Program in Belize and coordinated the visit of the Belize Prime Minister to the Cortland campus. Fernandez participated in the development of the concentration in International Studies. In 1974, he was the acting assistant to the president and chaired the search committee for that position. He chaired the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Program from 1972-74.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Fernandez was invited in 1972 by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to serve as chair of a roundtable discussion on Latin America at the 24th annual Student Conference on United States Affairs.

A longtime member of the O’Heron Newman Foundation Board, Fernandez and his wife, Doris, reside in Cortland.

Peter M. Jeffers

Peter M. Jeffers, a member of the Chemistry Department faculty since 1966, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. He will be designated professor emeritus of chemistry.

A native of Butler, Pa., Jeffers graduated from Myerstown (Pa.) High School. He attended Lehigh University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, graduating with highest honors. He was one of only 12 recipients nationally of a Chemical and Engineering News Merit Award. He captained both the soccer and baseball teams as a senior. He then earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry as a National Science Foundation Fellow at Lehigh.

Jeffers was inducted into: Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society; Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society; Omicron Delta Kappa, the leadership honor society; and Phi Beta Kappa.

From 1964-66, Jeffers was a research associate with S.H. Bauer in chemical kinetics at Cornell University.

Jeffers joined the SUNY Cortland faculty as an assistant professor in 1966 and, two years later, was promoted to associate professor. He became a full professor in 1973. He developed courses in chemical kinetics, quantum chemistry and thermodynamics.

A past president of the Sigma Xi Club at Cortland, Jeffers’ 50 research publications have appeared in numerous scholarly journals, including the Journal of Physical Chemistry, the Journal of the American Chemical Society, and the Geophysics Research Letters.

He and his wife, Jan Denison Jeffers ’79, reside in Homer, N.Y. They have three children, Susan and Karin, both former track and field standouts at Homer High School, and Amanda, a soccer star who graduates from Homer High School this year.

Library Hours

Finals Week Extended Hours

Through May 12

| Monday, May 9 | 8-3 a.m. |
| Tuesday, May 10 | Closed |
| Wednesday, May 11 | 8-3 a.m. |
| Thursday, May 12 | 8-3 a.m. |

*Open 7:30-8 a.m. for study purposes only.

Intersession May 13-17

| Monday, May 13 | 8-3 a.m. |
| Tuesday, May 14 | Closed |
| Wednesday, May 15 | Closed |
| Thursday, May 16 | 8-3 a.m. |
| Friday, May 17 | 8-3 a.m. |

(Summer hours begin May 18)
Faculty Retirements

Sue Lehr

Sue Lehr, a member of the faculty since 1999, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. She will be designated associate professor emerita of foundations and social advocacy.

Lehr joined the Education Department faculty as an assistant professor and was promoted in 2001 to associate professor.

In her six years at the College, Lehr has established an impressive record of service. She chaired the Special Education Advisory Committee, which developed the new Special Education/Childhood program and the organizational efforts for its subsequent successful accreditation by National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. She also designed the new Master of Science in Teaching Students with Disabilities, a State Education Department-approved master's program, and serves as its graduate coordinator.

She created and directed The Institute for Disability Studies on campus. The multidisciplinary institute promotes the understanding of persons with disabilities in society. Students, faculty and community members are encouraged to work with members of the research and advocacy community through the Institute. The Institute has hosted several conferences, developed a Certificate of Inclusion, established a lending library of disability-related materials, and worked with neighboring school districts to improve inclusion practices for students with disabilities.

Lehr served on the Teacher Education Council, the Student Disabilities Subcommittee and the Education Policy Council.

In 2001, she received a $20,000 grant from the University of New Hampshire for her project, Self Determination Video preparation. She also received $7,055 from Syracuse University for project director for the Technical Assistant for Parent Programs (TAPP) at Syracuse University's Center on Human Policy. She was an administrator and classroom support teacher at the Jowonio School in Syracuse.

Lehr also received three years of funding from the New York State Education Department to develop materials relating to the education of students with autism. A unique aspect of this funding was the partnering of families with children within the autism spectrum and graduate students, who collectively developed curriculum-related materials.

Nationally, Lehr served for two years as the president of the Autism National Committee (ANC) and subsequently coordinated a national conference hosted by the ANC. She also was a member of the Federal Research Commission on Facilitated Communication.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Lehr earned her bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Ursinus College, a master's in health education from SUNY Cortland and a Ph.D. in special education from Syracuse University.

Lehr came to SUNY Cortland from Cazenovia College, where she had been an assistant professor of education and child studies in the Center for Humanities and Education since 1996. The previous year, Lehr coordinated the Master's Program in Special Education at Syracuse University's Utica Campus and was an assistant professor of special education at Syracuse University.

Since the 1970s, Lehr has been at various times an educational consultant for the Cortland County Department of Health's Division of Family Planning, the Cortland/Madison BOCES Adolescent Pregnancy project, Onondaga Community College's College for Living, and other school districts and community agencies throughout the U.S.

From 1981-85, Lehr directed the College for Living, a continuing education program for adults with disabilities based at Onondaga Community College and funded by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. From 1985-91, she was associate project director for the Technical Assistant for Parent Programs (TAPP) at Syracuse University's Center on Human Policy. She was an administrator and classroom support teacher at the Jowonio School in Syracuse.

Lehr and her husband, Robert, psychology, who will be retiring from SUNY Cortland on Sept. 1, reside in Tully, N.Y. They have three grown children, Sherry, Penny and Ben.

Robert Lehr

Robert Lehr, a member of the Psychology Department faculty since 1967, will retire from the College on Sept. 1. He will be designated associate professor emeritus of psychology.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Lehr graduated from Northeast High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ursinus College and both his master's degree and Ph.D. in psychology from Rutgers University.

He joined the SUNY Cortland faculty as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1971. He co-developed and has administered the Psychology Department's minor in Exceptional Children. In 1973-74, he was a visiting scholar at the University of Utah while on sabbatical leave.

During the past three decades, Lehr has served as an educational consultant and an advocate to a variety of programs which serve emotionally disturbed and autistic children. He has conducted many training programs and workshops in Central New York on autism, behavior modification, parent advocacy, inclusive education and non-adverse behavioral interventions.

Lehr is a past president and long-term member of the Syracuse Developmental Center Board of Visitors, a position to which he was appointed by then-Gov. Mario Cuomo. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Syracuse-based Jowonio School, where he worked with children labeled as severely emotionally disturbed, severely language delayed and autistic.

He is a past president of the Board of Directors of Advocacy, Recreation and Community Living of the Cortland County Chapter of the New York State Association for Retarded Children. He was also a member of the Board of Governors of the New York State Association for Retarded Children and the New York Chapter of the national coalition, “Schools are For Everyone” (SAFE), which advocates for inclusive education for all children. He is on the board of Onondaga Community Living, an agency providing support for disabled adults.

He is the author of numerous scholarly papers on the basic learning processes.

Lehr and his wife, Susan, foundations and social advocacy, who will be retiring from SUNY Cortland on Aug. 31, reside in Tully, N.Y. They have three grown children, Sherry, Penny and Ben.
Faculty Retirements

Joel L. Shatzky

Joel L. Shatzky, a member of the SUNY Cortland faculty since 1968, will retire on Aug. 31. He will earn the designation of professor emeritus of English.

A native of Vancouver, Wash., Shatzky grew up in New York City. A graduate of the High School of Music and Art, he earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Queens College, where he took second place in the fiction category for the Peter Pauper Press Award. Shatzky earned a master’s degree in English from the University of Chicago and his Ph.D. in English from New York University.

He taught freshman English at New York University prior to coming to Cortland. Shatzky joined the SUNY Cortland English Department as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1974 and professor in 1979. He developed courses in drama, journalism Jewish-American and Black literature.

An award-winning playwright, Shatzky captured first place in the 1975 SUNY-wide playwriting competition for his work, “Emperor of the West End.” In 1997, his play, “Nazis,” was one of six finalists in the Galaxy National One-Act Play Competition.

Over the years, he has written 40 plays, two published novels and six other books ranging in subjects from Jewish-American Literature to multiple sclerosis. His works have been performed in major American and European cities, including London, New York City, Philadelphia and San Francisco. He and SUNY Cortland Professor Emeritus of Theater James Palmer collaborated on four plays that were performed by the SUNY Masquers, the Cortland student actors’ group.

Shatzky, who directed the SUNY Cortland Honors Program for five years, was a longtime advisor and contributor to Transitions and Paramassus, the College’s literary and scholarly magazines. He served on the editorial board of Wagadu and assisted the SUNY Masquers as an accompanist, writer and critic. In 1997, he was inducted into the Cortland chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the national honor society.

Within the local community, Shatzky worked with the Cortland Repertory Theater, the Cortland Arts Council, the Cortland Community Readers’ Theater and reviewed theatrical performances for the Cortland Standard. In 1976, he developed a play, “Tales of Cortland County,” for the nation’s bicentennial. In Syracuse, he inaugurated the Salt City New Playwrights Contest in the 1980s.

Shatzky has edited the United University Professions (UUP) newsletter on and off for 20 years and served on the UUP Executive Council.

In 1984-85, he participated in the National Faculty Exchange program as a visiting faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he taught journalism, modern drama, science fiction and creative arts.


He and his late wife, Dorothy, co-wrote Facing Multiple Sclerosis: Our Longest Journey (Dry Bones Press, 1999), in which they maintained their strong relationship over two decades facing the increasing challenges of her debilitating disease.

Shatzky, who resides in Cortland, has two grown children, Benjamin, a lawyer, and Judith, a teacher, both of whom live in New York City. Shatzky intends to occasionally teach at the College, travel, write, and continue his work as a publisher. He also plans to learn Yiddish well enough to be able to translate works in that language into English.

O’Callaghan Named Associate Dean

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From 1986-92, O’Callaghan was an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech University, where he also served as a pre-law advisor. He joined SUNY Cortland as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1994.

At SUNY Cortland, O’Callaghan chaired the Political Science Department from 1997-2004. Serving as pre-law advisor since coming to campus, he has chaired the Suspension Review Panel since 2000. He also headed the Academic Integrity Task Force in 2002-03. He coordinated implementation of the $1.7 million Title III Grant from the U.S. Department of Education from 2003-05.

An exceptional teacher, O’Callaghan received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for excellence in Teaching in 2001. He received the Outstanding Advisor Award from the SUNY Cortland Student Government Association in 1997 and has been listed in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers in 2002-04. While at Texas Tech, he was voted Teacher of the Year in 1992 by Phi Alpha Delta and Pi Sigma Alpha.

O’Callaghan has presented at the professional conferences of the Law and Society association, the Southwestern Political Science association, the Western Political Science association and the Los Alamos Historical Society. His doctoral research on judicial selection and drunk-driving policy was funded by the National Science Foundation and the Snow Foundation.

Internationally, he was a guest consultant in political science curriculum development at the University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic. He also lectured on civil liberties as part of a summer institute in politics at the University of Nis in Serbia and Montenegro.

He and his wife, Paula, and their son, J.J., reside in Syracuse, N.Y.
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A native of Northampton, Pa., Douglas earned a bachelor’s degree in American history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She received a master of education from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and a master of library science from SUNY Albany.

Douglas received a Professional Librarian’s Certificate from New York State and her New York State Teaching Certificate as a school media specialist in 1999. She was certified by Microsoft as a Microsoft Office Specialist at the master level in 2003.

Between 1976-95, she was a programmer and technical instructor for the Singer-Link Flight Simulation Co. and later CAE-Link Corp., both in Binghamton, N.Y.

In 1996, Douglas became the first library faculty member hired by SUNY Cortland to teach credit-bearing courses. Promoted to associate librarian in 2001, Douglas coordinates the Computer Applications Program, which includes the computer applications minor.

A highly respected, skilled and engaging instructor, she teaches three three-credit computer application courses each semester, advises students in the minor, oversees curriculum development and supervises faculty in the program. Additionally, Douglas teaches in the library instruction program and conducts computer literacy workshops for students.

Douglas also works at the library reference desk.

In 2001, she received a Title III grant to incorporate WebCT into her Introduction to Computer Application course and, in 2002, another Title III grant to integrate outdoor recreation into a CAP class.

Douglas has served on a variety of library committees, including the Library Curriculum Committee, the Library Newsletter Committee, the Reference Services Policy Committee, and the Library Personnel Committee. She has served on more than 20 College committees, including the Student Computer Access Program (SCAP) Committee, the Information Resources Advisory Committee, the Teacher Education Council and the ad hoc NCATE Technology Committee for the Teacher Education Council.

An active member of the State University of New York Librarians Association (SUNYLA), Douglas is a past president, vice president, delegate and Instruction Committee chair. She is a past presenter and panelist at many SUNYLA conferences. She has also presented several papers at CIT.

Douglas has published two book reviews. In addition, her article, “Professor Librarian: a Model of the Teaching Librarian of the Future,” published in Computers in Libraries in 1999, documents her role as a pioneer librarian/professor.

She is currently working on a book titled Desktop Publishing Using Word 2003.

A presenter at state and national conferences, Governali has published 23 articles in juried journals, including Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of School Health, American Journal of Health Education, and Wellness Perspectives: Research, Theory and Practice. He continues to serve on several editorial review boards. He has served as an editorial review board member and is a manuscript reviewer for professional journals. He has been the recipient and project director or co-director of seven grants from the Metropolitan Life Foundation, NYSED, and the U.S. Department of Education. These multi-year grants enabled his staff to present many workshops on wellness and health education to hundreds of teachers.

Governali served as co-advisor to the SUNY Cortland Chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, the National Health Science Honorary, and was instrumental in founding and then serving as president of the Cortland chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the national all-discipline honor society.

Within the community, Governali participated on the Cortland County Dental Health Committee, the Cortland County Pre-Primary Immunization Project Committee, and has served on the Board of Directors for Family Counseling Services of Cortland County for more than 20 years. He has been president of that board since 1989. This agency is instrumental in providing substance abuse services and family counseling to the Cortland community. Through his federal and state grants, he has been able to offer many workshops and in-service programs to teachers and students alike on wellness and health education.

Governali has also served on the Board of Directors of the Cortland County Youth Hockey Association, the Cortland High School Booster Club and the Golden Eagles Booster Club.

On the state level, Governali was a consultant for the NYSED Bureau of Drug Education. He served on the NYSED Health and Drug Education Syllabus Task Force. He chaired numerous committees for the New York State Health Education Conference and the New York State Federation of Professional Health Educators. He was a consultant for program evaluation at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y. He was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Central New York and also served as vice president and president of that board.

Nationally, he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Health Education Section of the American College Health Association, a member of the Research Committee of the Coalition of National Health Education Associations, a manuscript reviewer for professional associations and a member of numerous professional committees and work groups.

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He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Cortland. They have two sons, Joseph of Houston, Texas, and Matthew of Boston, Mass.

Michael C. Holland
Holland, who joined the Residential Services Office staff in 1981, becomes the 17th staff member to receive the prestigious honor.

A native of Erie, Pa., Holland graduated from Cathedral Prep. He earned both a bachelor’s degree in criminology, graduating magna cum laude, and a master’s degree in student personnel services from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

In 1980-81, he was a graduate resident director and assistant director of student activities at Mount Aloysius Junior College in Cresson, Pa.

Holland joined the SUNY Cortland staff as a residence hall director. In 1983, he was named acting assistant director of residence life. He was promoted to assistant director in 1984 and was named the permanent associate director the following year. In 1993, Holland assumed the duties of interim director of residential services and has been the permanent director since 1995.

In that capacity, Holland is responsible for the development and coordination of a comprehensive residence life program serving more than 2,800 students. He supervises four professionals, five clerical staff members, 25 full-time professional staff and more than 200 paraprofessional student staff.

Holland oversees an annual $13 million budget and has actively participated in the rehabilitation and renovation of numerous SUNY Cortland residential facilities, as well as the construction of the first new residence hall on campus in 30 years.

Within SUNY, he is a past president of the SUNY Residence Life and Housing Administrators and continues to serve on its executive board. Since 1997, he has been a member of the Dormitory Income Fund Reimbursable (DIFR) Guidelines Review Committee and the DIFR Rehabilitation and Renovation Committee. He has participated on the SUNY-wide Residence Hall Committee, also known as the Dormitory IFR Transition Committee, which establishes policies regarding the use and funding of residence halls for the 85,000 students in SUNY who reside in them. He has advised Tompkins Cortland Community College as that SUNY college has expanded its residential program.

Holland has taught a one-credit course geared for incoming freshmen to ease their transition from high school to college. Holland has also presented to student groups on a wide range of topics, including personal safety, issues with roommates, how to improve time management, Greek life, the influence of cults on college campuses and how to deal with difficult people.

He has chaired numerous campus committees, including the Alcohol Policy Revision Committee, Campus Master Plan Space Committee, the Student Affairs Educational Development Committee, as well as various search committees. A former faculty senator, he has served as an advisor to campus Emergency Squad, the “Safewalk” student organization, the Cortland College Student Association Elections Committee, and to the University Police.

A member of the College’s Crisis Management Team, Holland played a key role in the planning of the 2002 Empire State Games on campus and the continues to assist with the housing operations of the New York Senior Games.

For a period spanning more than ten years Holland acted as an academic advisor to “exploratory students” (those without a declared major).

Within the community, Holland has participated on a search committee for the Dryden Central School District superintendent, made presentations to local high schools on the dangers of date rape, has been active in his church and has coached youth sports teams.

He and his wife, Joanne, have four children, Michael Jr., Mary, Daniel and Kate.

Samuel L. Kelley
Kelley, an accomplished playwright, actor, director and scholar who joined the College in 1979, becomes the fourth SUNY Cortland staff member to receive the prestigious honor.

A native of Phillips City, Ark., Kelley earned a bachelor’s degree in speech and drama from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a master’s degree in speech from the University of Arkansas.

He received a Ph.D. in speech, with a concentration in radio, television and film from the University of Michigan. Kelley also holds an MFA in playwriting from the Yale University School of Drama.

His career as a playwright career began in the mid-1980s while at Yale, where the Drama School produced his “Blue Vein Society,” a play about caste and color in black society's struggle for upward mobility. Eventually, the play was produced by nine theater companies and won third prize at the University of Louisville African American Third Annual Playwrighting Contest in 2002.

His most popular play, “Pill Hill,” tells the story of six black men in Chicago who are struggling to make a better life for themselves. “Pill Hill” has won national acclaim, including the prestigious Joseph Jefferson Award for Best Ensemble Performance in 1994 in Chicago, Ill., the Kieffer Award for Best Production in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1993-94, the Cornerstone Competition for Best Play in St. Paul, Minn., in 1990, and the Molly Kuhn Award for Best Play at the Yale School of Drama in 1990.

“Pill Hill” was published in Dramatic Publications in 1995. Kelley has the distinction of having two scenes of that play appearing in Best Monologues for Male Actors. “Pill Hill” was also included in the publication, New American Plays (Heinemann Books, 1992). “Pill Hill’s” latest production was in April 2005 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C.

Last September, Kelley presented a reading of his play, “A Hero for McBride,” in Wales, England, at the Theaters of Science Conference. “Thruway Diaries,” his play about racial profiling, was one of seven selected for honorable mention in The Pen is a Mighty Sword Competition in 2004.

“Thruway Diaries” runs June 10-19 at the Jubilee Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas. “White Chocolate,” a play about black identity in small town white America centers on a black professor's struggle for tenure while also coping with his precocious daughter and her relationship with a white boyfriend and fellow classmate. The play premiered at the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company in Syracuse, and was also performed in the famous Billie Holiday Theatre in Brooklyn, N.Y., as part of its 30th anniversary season in 2001-02. It received a Certificate of Recognition in the New Voices Play Festival, sponsored by Ploshares Theatre Company in 1996.

Kelley’s biographical play, “Faith, Hope and Charity: The Story of Mary McLeod Bethune,” was recently part of the Juneteenth Legacy Theatre Bold Journeys Tour in Louisville, Ky., for a second time. The play has also been performed in Albuquerque, N.M., Cortland, and the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company in Syracuse. The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Amherst, Va., awarded Kelley a seven-week artist residency last November to develop his latest play, “Habees Corpus.” Kelley was recently awarded a one-month residency at the Blue Mountain Center in Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., beginning in July.

A Blake-Scott Mentor to disadvantaged students on campus, Kelley began his SUNY Cortland career as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1986 and to professor in 1994. He concurrently advises the Gospel Choir, the WSUC campus radio station, the CSTV campus student television station and the Black Student Union.

In 1991, he founded the African American Studies Program and served as its director until 1996. He has served on many College committees and has helped coordinate the
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. He co-founded the Gospel Choir at SUNY Cortland and has coordinated the annual SUNY Cortland African American Gospel Music Festival, which brings together choirs from across the state and from other states.

Kelley has twice participated in playwright residencies at both the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts and at the Mary Anderson Center for the Arts. He was also a resident playwright at Byrdcliffe Arts Colony and at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. In 1998, he served as the James Thurber Playwright-In Residence, at Ohio State University.

He was a visiting artist at Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company of Syracuse University in 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004. He was elected to its board of directors in 1999 and was guest director of his play "White Chocolate," which premiered there during the 1999-2000 theater season. He has also participated in several workshops on screen writing, playwriting and film script development at New York University. He has presented many readings of his plays throughout the U.S. A chapter on Kelley and his works appears in African American Dramatists, edited by Emmanuel S. Nelson.

In 1983, Kelley received a National Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowship on "Playwriting and Politics" at Indiana University. He received a SUNY Cortland faculty grant for the improvement of instruction in 1984. In 2002-03, he was awarded the Black Student Union Award for his leadership, service and dedication to the SUNY Cortland Black Student Union. In 2004, Kelley received the African American Studies Award of Excellence for his longstanding contributions to the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir. That same year, he was honored with the SUNY Cortland Dedicated Service Award, for 25 years of service to the College. He was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society in 1993.

Kelley has also specialized in performing the works of James Weldon Johnson and Martin Luther King Jr. He has performed the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream" speech in every school in Cortland County, as well as in Syracuse City Schools.

He resides in Cortland, N.Y.

Noralyn Masselink

Masselink, who joined the English Department in 1988, becomes the 46th SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the prestigious honor.

Respected by her students and peers for her high standards, knowledge of and passion for her subject matter, and her ability to engage even the least-interested students, Masselink has taught a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses at Cortland.

Growing up in the Midwest, Masselink traces her love of teaching and learning to her parents, a philosophy professor and a kindergarten school teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree with honors in English from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. She earned both a master's degree and a Ph.D. in Renaissance English literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

She taught at Hofstra University for a year prior to joining the SUNY Cortland faculty as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor in 1993 and to professor in 2001.

Masselink teaches a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses in 17th century literature, such as Donne and Herbert, Seventeenth-Century Literature: Sex, Death, and Salvation, and Milton.

In addition, her courses in Language Development in Adolescents and Grammar and the Writing Process — courses required of all adolescence education: English education majors — are among the most academically rigorous courses offered by the English Department.

She also regularly teaches an array of business and professional writing courses for the Business Development and Training Center at Tompkins-Cortland Community College, as well as for local businesses and not-for-profit agencies. More recently, she has offered professional development workshops for English language arts teachers in Central New York.

Masselink developed several new courses for the English Department, among them War in Literature, Business Writing and Language Development in Adolescence for Non-literature Majors. She has co-authored one book, The Cortland Composition Handbook, and has written seven scholarly presentations, most on the English poet, John Donne. Her critical pieces have appeared in the prestigious John Donne Journal, English Language Notes, Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching and South Atlantic Review.

Since 1991, Masselink has received 14 grants. Two of these, the Title III Year Two Instructional Technology Grant and the Faculty Multimedia Development Project Award, support her growing incorporation of the use of technology in her teaching. Masselink was an integral figure in the English Department's contribution to SUNY Cortland's recent and successful NCATE process.

Masselink and her husband, Oscar Davis Jr., who is also employed by SUNY Cortland, have three daughters: Emmalyn, Eena, and Endira. They reside in Cortlandville.
Undergraduate Commencements

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used as a symbol of institutional authority at the Commencement and academic convocations. Four multi-colored gonfalons, representing the All College, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Education, will be carried, respectively, by Mariangela Risucci Chandler ’88, Academic Support and Achievement Program; Karla Alves, English; Vicki Wilkins, recreation and leisure studies; and Sue Lehr, foundations and social advocacy.

Musical theatre major Kaleb Adams of Homer, N.Y., will sing the national anthem and Alma Mater.

Thomas Steele, physical education emeritus, will carry the mace during the afternoon Commencement. The gonfalons will be:

William Hopkins, psychology; William Lane, sociology/anthropology; Peter Cahill ’66, physical education; and Bill Buxton, literacy.

The national anthem and Alma Mater will be sung by junior musical theatre major Mabyn Ludke of Cuyler, N.Y.

President Bitterbaum will welcome the graduates at both ceremonies. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell will recognize the honor graduates. Student Government Association President Danielle Vargas, a senior political science major from Buffalo, N.Y., will deliver remarks. Joining President Bitterbaum in conferring the degrees will be Roy H. Olsson Jr., dean of professional studies, Mark Prus, dean of arts and sciences, Ed Caffarella, dean of education.

A total of 71 students are scheduled to graduate summa cum laude — the highest academic honor — with grade point averages of 3.75 and above on a scale of 4.00.

The largest number of majors set to graduate in each of the three schools are: 170 physical education majors in the School of Professional Studies, 241 early childhood/childhood education majors in the School of Education, and 94 communication studies majors in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Gordon Valentine ’68, Alumni Association vice president, will officially welcome the graduates into the ranks of the College’s 55,000 alumni.

The Undergraduate Commencement Committee is co-chaired by Virginia B. Levine, president’s office, and Marley S. Barduhn ’76, education.

Other committee members include: Seth Asumah, political science; Timothy Baroni, biological sciences; Chauncey Bennett, university police; junior biological science major Mary Kate Boland, junior class representative and 2005-06 Student Government Association president; Alyana Cruz, senior class representative; Hailey M. Dick ’98, media operations; Ralph Dudgeon, music; Michele Irvin Gonzalez, literacy; Emily Gray, College Store; David Kirschner, senior class representative; Kathleen Lawrence, communication studies; Sue Lehr, foundations and social advocacy; Cassie Lewis, president’s office; Steve Lundberg, physical plant; Louis Larson, career services; Michael MacLean, maintenance; Donna Margine M.S. ’88, registrar; Yvonne Murnane, graduate studies; Mary Murphy, university police; Tracy Rammacher, publications and electronic media; Susan Rayl, exercise science and sport studies; Lisa Scherer ’86, exercise science and sport studies; Mark Taylor, physical plant; George VerDow, classroom media services; and Christine Wallace, special events.

This year, both undergraduate Commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live on the Time Warner cable access Channel 6 to viewers in the City of Cortland vicinity. The ceremonies can also be viewed on campus in any classroom equipped with a television.

Under two traditions inaugurated at last year’s ceremony by President Bitterbaum, undergraduates may honor a special person who has helped them achieve their academic pursuit or goals. These awards will be read along with the graduates. Also, any international student who has earned a degree and takes part in Commencement will present his or her flag of nationality. This year, flags from China, Cyprus, Japan and Nepal will be displayed.

Teachers Retirement System
director will present seminar

Michael Corn, one of three Teachers Retirement System (TRS) directors elected from and by the membership, will be presenting a seminar titled “TRS Services, Benefits and Retirement Planning” from 1-2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13, in Corey Union, Rooms 305-306.

The seminar, intended for new and mid-career members, full-time and part-time employees and those thinking of retirement, will address individual questions.

Seminar topics will include: the services offered by the retirement system; an explanation of member benefits; figuring credit and vesting requirements for part-time and full-time faculty; estimating now the value of one’s eventual TRS retirement payments; advantages and disadvantages of the various retirement disbursement options; and a summary of the pre-retirement process.

Handouts summarizing and complementing the presentation will be distributed. Members who cannot attend the meeting and would like the handouts should notify the campus TRS delegate Dave Ritchie, ext. 2818, or by e-mail to ritchie@cortland.edu, or Employee Benefits Administrator Mary Saracene, ext. 2302, or saracenem@em.cortland.edu, by May 12 with their name and address.

Kidney Disease will be discussed at May 18 Lunchtime Session

The National Kidney Foundation of CNY, in conjunction with the SUNY Cortland Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Committee, is offering an information session on Wednesday, May 18.

The seminar will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Corey Union, Rooms 204-208. It is free and open to the campus community. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch. Classified staff will be granted release time with supervisor approval to attend.

Local kidney specialist Sallie Gupta and Kidney Foundation representative Laura Squadrito will present the information, including risk factors associated with kidney disease.

The following people are at risk for developing kidney disease: those with high blood pressure, higher than 120/80; people with diabetes; those who have a family member with high blood pressure or kidney disease; and African Americans or Hispanics.

For more information, call Mary Saracene, human resources, at ext. 2302.
Faculty-Staff Activities

Norbert Haley, college relations and development emeritus, served for the 12th consecutive year as a member of the Charlton Newcomer Scholarship Program sponsored by the SUNY Council for University Affairs and Development (SUNY/CUAD). The scholarship program supports the participation of new institutional advancement professionals at the annual conference of the Council, which will be held June 15-17 in Cooperstown, N.Y. The selection committee is comprised of past presidents of the organization. Haley is an original member of the committee. He was inducted in 2002 as a charter member of the SUNY/CUAD Hall of Fame which was initiated on the occasion of the Council’s 50th anniversary.

Sam Kelley, communication studies, had his play, “Pill Hill,” run from April 10-17 at the Paul Robeson Theatre at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C. Kelley’s latest play, “Thruway Diaries,” which provides an unflinching examination of racial profiling, runs June 10-19 at the Julliette Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas. Kelley was recently awarded a residency at the Blue Mountain Center in Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., from July 24-Aug. 21. Blue Mountain accepts authors and artists whose work “evinces social and ecological concerns and is aimed at a general audience.” The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Amherst, Va., awarded Kelley a seven-week artist residency from Nov. 15-Jan. 2.

Nancy E. Meagher, chemistry, had a manuscript titled “A Quantitative Examination of Multiple Methods for Standardizing a Dilute Hydrochloric Acid Solution in an Undergraduate Chemistry Laboratory” published in the March issue of the Journal of Chemical Education. Her co-authors were undergraduate students Dana B. Bovens and B. Shawn Clark at Texas Woman’s University.

Tracy Rammacher, publications and electronic media, was recently notified that SUNY Cortland will be receiving two awards from the SUNY Council for University Affairs and Development (SUNY/CUAD) at its annual conference in June. The College has earned a Best of Category Award for the Alumni House Web site and a Judges’ Citation for the Student Affairs Office “Important Dates” magnet. Tony DeRado, publications and electronic media, designed both the Web site and the magnet. Contributors to the Alumni House Web site included Ingrid Jordak and Richard Martin, publications and electronic media, Pete Koryzo and Jennifer Wilson, public relations, Bonnie Innerst and Michellina Gibbons, alumni affairs.

Michael Toglia, psychology, completed his work as the outside examiner on the dissertation committee of Jeremy Miller, Binghamton University, when Miller’s Ph.D. defense was held on April 28. His doctoral thesis is titled “The Role of Strategy and Metacognition in the Word Frequency Mirror Effect,” and will be revised in time for Miller to receive his Ph.D. degree in psychology this May. This marks the 11th dissertation committee on which Toglia has served.

Mary Ware, foundations and social advocacy, presented a paper, “In Their Own Words,” at the Lilly-West Conference on Improving College Teaching, held March 18-19 in Pomona, Calif. Also, she has been invited to author the Instructor’s Manual with Test Items for the 11th edition of Ryan and Cooper’s Those Who Can, Teach, a major introductory teacher education text from Houghton-Mifflin.

Janet Wolf, English, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the South Central Society for 18th Century Studies, held in February on St. Simon’s Island, Ga. Her paper was titled “Executing a Malefactor Sweetly: the Anti-Bush Satires of Rick Horowitz and the Anti-Walpole Satires of the Eighteenth Century.” It compared the anti-Bush administration satires of contemporary syndicated columnist Rick Horowitz with the great satires of the 18th century, like Gulliver’s Travels, The Beggar’s Opera and The Dunciad.

Arden Zipp, chemistry, coordinated the grading of the National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) exam at the American Chemical Society’s Examinations Institute in Milwaukee recently. The NCO, which consists of a 60-item multiple-choice test, a free response section with eight questions and two tasks to complete on a laboratory practical, was taken by 900 high school chemistry students from across the nation. Zipp chairs the task force that constructs the local section and the national exams.

Cirmo Takes Leave to Direct NSF Program

Cirmo has obtained funding for NSF-sponsored research projects in the past, and has served as a review panel member on several occasions since 1994. He has been involved with research and education in the environmental geosciences since 1990, on such topics as acid rain, wetlands analysis, watershed hydrology, groundwater hydrology and biogeochemistry. His funding also includes grants received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, the New York State Energy Research and Development Corporation, and the Adirondack Lakes Survey Corporation.

Cirmo’s long-standing connections with colleagues in the areas of hydrology, biogeochemistry, and water resources have given him working relationships with a diverse cross-section of the national and international environmental and geosciences research communities.

“I will have time to continue my own research and educational interests, and plan to expose some of Cortland’s undergraduates to NSF opportunities,” said Cirmo. “My recent interests have centered on the Catskill and Adirondack regions of New York State, but I am planning new projects in Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park and possibly in Latin America.” An additional attraction was an invitation to participate in the establishment of the new Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science Initiative (CUAHSI), being developed with NSF funding in an effort to establish hydrologic observatories at key watershed basins in North America. I will be traveling to some of the most important watershed experiment stations on the continent, and will represent the NSF at national and international meetings and workshops. While at the NSF, I hope to expand my activities in the new area of hydrologic remote sensing, a tool becoming increasingly important in the Middle East and the arid western U.S.”

Cirmo has received numerous awards and was the first Outstanding Achievement in Research Award winner at SUNY Cortland in 2004. He was also presented with the SUNY Chancellor’s Research Recognition Award in 2003. He is writing a book on Adirondack hydrology and wetlands, and is continuing the development of a working Watershed Education Laboratory at the Hoxie Gorge Field Station.

Cirmo is coordinator of Environmental Science at Cortland, and is a member of the New York State Water Institute, the American Water Resources Association, the Geological Society of America, the American Geophysical Union, and is on the Board of Directors of the Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture. He was previously at Susquehanna University. He earned his graduate degrees from Indiana and Syracuse Universities, and has worked as a scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratories and for British Petroleum Corporation.
Coming Events

Monday, May 9
Textbook Buy Back: College Store, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Textbook Buy Back: Smith and Casey Towers, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Conference: “Educating Autistic and Developmentally Disabled Individuals,” 13th annual Conference on Improving Teaching and Learning in Central New York, Corey Union, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10
Textbook Buy Back: College Store, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Textbook Buy Back: Smith and Casey Towers, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11
Textbook Buy Back: College Store, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Textbook Buy Back: Smith and Casey Towers, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12
Textbook Buy Back: College Store, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, May 13
Graduate Commencement Rehearsal: Park Center Alumni Arena; Hooders, Reader, Marshals, 12:30 p.m.; Platform Party, Gonfaloniers, Mace Bearer, Singer, Musicians, 1:30 p.m.
Undergraduate Commencement Rehearsals: See page 5 for complete list.
Graduate Commencement: Park Center Alumni Arena, 7 p.m.
Kente Cloth Ceremony: Corey Union Function Room, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14
Undergraduate Commencement:
Park Center Alumni Arena, Ceremony A, 9:30 a.m.; Ceremony B, 2:30 p.m.
Commencement Receptions: See page 5 for complete list.

ASC Spring Semester Closings Announced

Campus Corner C-Store
Thursday, May 12 Closing at 3 p.m.

College Store
Extended Commencement hours:
Friday, May 13 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday, May 14 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Summer hours begin:
Monday, May 16 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dragon’s Court
Thursday, May 12 Closing at 6 p.m.

Dragon’s Den
Through Friday, May 13 Closing at 3 p.m. each day

Dunkin’ Donuts
Thursday, May 12 Closing at 3 p.m.

Raquette Pizza
Wednesday, May 11 Closing at 11:30 p.m.

Note: The Colloquium, Crossroads Cafe, Neubig Dining Hall and Poolside are currently closed.

Student Art Show

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follows: Honorable Mention – Byron Williams’ bronze and mixed media sculpture “No. 1 Son,” Chris Colosimo’s “Raku Vase” and Steve Armada’s untitled clay sculpture; Best Two-Dimensional – Erik Lasky’s painting “The General”; Best Three-Dimensional – Beata Szoboszlai’s book Interior/Exterior; and Best of Show – Nathaniel Brockner’s painting “Ibidem.” Any SUNY Cortland student currently enrolled in a studio course was eligible to enter the exhibition.

Select 2005 is free and open to the public Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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For more information, contact the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery Director Barbara Racker, at ext. 4216 or rackerb@cortland.edu. Tours of the exhibition are free and available upon request.