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SUNY Recognizes Two Faculty Members for Important, Innovative Research and Scholarship

State University of New York honored SUNY Cortland faculty members Peter K. Ducey and Herbert H. Haines among 44 of its most important and innovative scholars and scientists.

Ducey, biological sciences, and Haines, sociology/anthropology, each received a Chancellor's Research Recognition Award during a dinner honoring research and scholarship on May 3 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, N.Y.

The SUNY-wide honorees were noted for their accomplishments in varied fields including humanities, arts, social sciences, sciences, medicine and engineering.

“The honorees join the ranks of New York’s most important and innovative scholars and scientists whose contributions enhance all of our lives,” said SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan. The honorees represent 18 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 included: research activities, grants, publications and presentations; involvement of students in their research or other scholarly activities; teaching; community activities; and reputations in their fields.

A faculty member in the Biological Sciences Department since 1990, Ducey has held the rank of professor since 1998.

Ducey, who was honored with a 2004 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, is an amphibian and reptile biologist with a specific interest in the evolutionary ecology of invasive soil macroinvertebrates. He is studying the evolutionary dynamics and invasion of North America by terrestrial planarians and earthworms and their impact on forestation.

He has been awarded a number of grants and is a three-time recipient of SUNY Cortland’s Award for Excellence in Research. He is the author of three peer-reviewed articles, one book, four government reports, an abstract and many presentations.

Ducey has involved 29 students as research assistants, most of whom have pursued advanced degrees as researchers or become New York State science teachers.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Adelphi University and master’s and doctoral degrees in biology from the University of Michigan.

A SUNY Cortland faculty member since 1985, Haines is a leading authority on drug policy and anti-death penalty social movement organizations. In addition, his work on the interplay of moderate and militant factions in the African-American civil rights movement is widely cited in sociology and political science literature.


He has written numerous articles and received dozens of honors. He is frequently interviewed by national reporters about the death penalty. Throughout his career, he has received a number of grants from sponsors including the National Science Foundation.

Haines earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in sociology from the University of Kansas.

Honors Convocation Rewards Academic Accomplishments

Approximately 380 students were recognized for their academic accomplishments at the annual Honors Convocation, held Saturday, April 22, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Samuel Kelley, communication studies, delivered the keynote address titled “Crash.” Kelley, who began his SUNY Cortland career as an assistant professor in 1979 and was promoted to professor in 1994, received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities in 2005.

Students were recognized for a variety of achievements, including a top five percent ranking in their respective classes and for receiving College-wide and departmental awards and scholarships. The event began with an academic procession of faculty, followed by a reception for the honorees and guests.

For a complete list of students who received awards for academic excellence at the event, visit the Web site at www.cortland.edu/events/honors.html.

Faculty Senate Welcomes New Officers for 2006-07

The Faculty Senate welcomed its new officers May 9 during its final meeting of the 2005-06 academic year in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Following a short meeting, Senate Chair Joseph Rayle, foundations and social advocacy, concluded his term by passing the gavel to Mel King, psychology, the new Faculty Senate chair.

Joining King as officers are: Karla Alwes, English, vice chair; Ellen McCabe, library, secretary; and David Berger, psychology, treasurer.
Undergraduate Commencement Department
And Program Receptions Announced

The following departments and programs will host receptions for graduates on Saturday, May 20.

**Anthropology**
Studio West, Room 133, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

**Biological Sciences**
Alumni House (29 Tompkins St.), 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

**Chemistry**
Bowers Hall Lounge, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

**Criminology**
Studio West, Room 133, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Economics**
Studio West, Room 134, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**English**
Studio West, Room 103, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

**Geography**
Studio West, Room 104, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Geology**
Alumni House (29 Tompkins St.), 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

**Health**
Studio West, Room 139, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**History**
Park Center, Room E-217, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Human Service Studies**
Studio West, Room 133, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**International Communications and Culture**
Studio West, Room 104, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**International Studies**
Studio West, Room 133, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Mathematics**
Park Center, Room E-221, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Multicultural and Gender Studies**
Studio West, Room 104, 11 a.m.-2 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.-1:30 p.m.

**Physics**
Bowers Hall Lounge, 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, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Sociology**
Studio West, Room 133, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Speech Pathology and Audiology**
McDonald Building, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sport Management**
Studio West, Rooms 101-102, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Graduate Commencement
Rehearsal Schedule Posted

Rehearsal for the graduate Commencement will be held in Park Center on Friday, May 19, as follows:

**Student Line Marshals, Hooders**
Park Center Corey Gymnasium, 12:30 p.m.

**Faculty Line Marshal**
Park Center, Room D-305, 12:30 p.m.

**Floor Marshals**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 12:30 p.m.

**Gonfaloniers**
Park Center, Room D-305, 1:30 p.m.

**Platform Party and Mace Bearer**
Park Center, Room A-307, 1:30 p.m.

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

Undergraduate Commencement
Rehearsal Schedule Posted

The following undergraduate Commencement rehearsals will be held on Friday, May 19, in Park Center:

**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, University Police Department, Student Ushers**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 9:30-10:15 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.

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

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Ginsberg an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during Commencement. 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 and vicinity. The ceremonies can also be viewed on campus in any classroom equipped with a television.

Under a tradition inaugurated at the 2004 ceremony by President Bitterbaum, graduates may honor a special person who has helped achieve their academic pursuit or goals. The respective name will be read along with each graduate’s name.
A workshop titled “Breaking Through the Barriers to Writing Proposals” will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24.

Funded through a United University Professions Campus Grant, it is designed to help faculty members break through writing blocks and accomplish more professional writing.

Special application of the principles will be made to writing proposals for external support. Topics covered will include: 1) confronting the myths about writing; 2) overcoming the major obstacles to writing; 3) varying the patterns to sustain momentum; and 4) managing a successful grant application.

The workshop will be conducted by Robert A. Lucas, director of the Institute for Scholarly Productivity. Lucas has been involved in the development of proposals for millions of dollars in grants for research and faculty development activities. He has presented workshops on proposal writing and scholarly writing at more than 100 colleges, universities and medical centers. He is also in demand as a speaker on the value of humor in reducing stress in the work place.

Space is limited and registration is required. To register or for additional information, contact Pam Schroeder in the Sponsored Programs Office at ext. 2511 or via e-mail at pams@em.cortland.edu.

The workshop is sponsored by the Sponsored Programs Office, the Faculty Development Center, the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Office and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Office.
Student Wins National Award for Academic Excellence

Katherine Ciraulo, a senior from Troy, N.Y., has won a $2,000 award from a national honor society to apply toward her graduate studies at Uppsala University in Sweden.

Ciraulo, who will graduate with dual degrees in political science and international studies, was one of 40 students nationally to receive an Award of Excellence from the National Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary honor society.

The SUNY Cortland Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi also recently honored her with the Antoinette “Toni” Tiburzi Award for Academic Excellence, named for the professor emerita of physical education and former associate provost for enrollment management. The award is given to the student who receives the chapter’s nomination for a graduate fellowship to the National Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

During her four years at SUNY Cortland, Ciraulo has won several other academic awards. She was one of the five SUNY Cortland seniors and one recent graduate who received 2006 State University of New York Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence in Albany on April 10.

In January, she was one of 130 undergraduates nationally to be named a Junior Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Ciraulo won the William Rogers Memorial Award, presented to the SUNY Cortland student with the highest grade point average in political science, in Spring 2005. A Dean’s List student since her freshman year, Ciraulo, who has a 3.9 grade point average, also was named to the President’s List for two semesters.

During the past two years, Ciraulo has studied abroad four times, including last spring semester in Siena, Italy, where she immersed herself in Italian culture. Last summer, she was in Sweden developing an independent research and study project and also was a member of a student group who traveled to Prague, Czech Republic, to study the European Union. She has played on the women’s varsity ice hockey team since her freshman year and was named to the SUNYAC All-Academic Team for three consecutive years.

Statewide Archaeology Scholarship Presented to Graduate

After working for 13 years in the electronics field, Sharon Andrus switched gears and enrolled at SUNY Cortland to study something she really loved – anthropology.

Andrus, of Freeville, N.Y., won a statewide archaeology award and earned a grade point average of 4.2. She will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and plans to pursue a master’s degree in public history at SUNY Albany next year.

The Daniel H. Weiskotten Memorial Scholarship Award, which includes $500 to apply to her graduate work, was awarded to Andrus last month. The William M. Beauchamp Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association announced the award at its annual banquet on April 29 in Kerhonkson, N.Y.

“Sharon is a nontraditional student who has come back to school and really excelled,” said Ellis McDowell-Loudan, sociology/anthropology. “An A-plus average is really quite remarkable. She was so far beyond anyone we had in our pool that it was an open-and-shut case.”

The award, given annually to an undergraduate, is based on academic achievement, interest in New York state archaeology and history, career plans and financial need. Students from across the state apply for the scholarship, which is sponsored by the archaeological chapter for central New York.

Andrus said she decided to leave the electronics field after the company she was working for in Ithaca, Advanced Digital Information Corp., closed. She had earned an associate’s degree in electrical technology from Tompkins-Cortland Community College in 1991.

One of the courses Andrus enjoyed was Introduction to Museum Studies, which allowed her to work as a student curator for The Rozanne M. Brooks Museum, an ethnographic teaching museum on campus.

The course led Andrus to choose a career in museums, which she will prepare for at SUNY Albany. She said she hopes to work at a museum, perhaps as a curator, after completing her master’s degree.

Andrus is the only fourth SUNY Cortland student to receive the statewide archaeology award in the 16 years since it was founded. The award is named after Daniel H. Weiskotten, an archaeologist from Cazenovia, N.Y., who died last year while doing archaeological fieldwork through a museum in Richmond, Va.

Political Science Honors Society Inductees Listed

The Cortland chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society formed to recognize outstanding achievement in political science, has announced the induction of 11 students in its May ceremony.

Inductees into the Political Science Department’s Zeta Delta chapter are:

- Krystal L. Baker
- Katherine E. Ciraulo
- Emily Fisher
- Michael G. Kolnberger
- Jennifer E. Long
- Jessica L. Marshall
- Sachyio Matsuo
- Kaitlyn M. Pickford
- Flora M. Ramirez
- Ryan P. Tronovitch
- Kimberly A. Westover

The students were formally inducted at a noontime ceremony held on May 11.

The chapter advisor is Robert Spitzer, political science.

New Members Inducted Into Spanish Honor Society

Mu Rho, the SUNY Cortland chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi, inducted new members during a ceremony held on May 5.

The undergraduate inductees are:

- Christine Calabrese
- Briana Cassidy
- Tania Covert
- Kaitlin Dahl
- Rose Digennaro
- Katherine Faddegon
- Kristi Laribee
- Meaghan Long
- Jennifer E. Long
- Michael G. Kolnberger
- Emily Fisher
- Kaitlyn M. Pickford
- James Newton
- Lauren Wilson
- Sachiyo Matsuo
- Nicole Thomassen
- Patricia Martin de la Vega Mansilla
- Sachiyo Matsuo
- Myriam Benincere
- Tina Christodoules
- Flor N. Ramirez
- Kristi Laribee
- Jessica L. Marshall

Three faculty members were also inducted: Myriam Benincere, Tina Christodoules, and Patricia Martínez de la Vega Mansilla.

International Communications and Culture Department faculty members Norma Helsper, Mu Rho chapter advisor, and Colleen Kattau also participated in the initiation.

A reception for all participants and guests was held after the ceremony.
Cortland Geology Professor Oversees NSF Hydrologic Sciences Program

SUNY Cortland Geology Professor Chris Cirmo, a successful researcher and professional presenter in his own scientific field of water quality and resources management, took a leave-of-absence this year to work for the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Washington, D.C., where he’s helping that prestigious organization make tough decisions on the awarding of its competitive grants.

From his desk in Arlington, Va., Cirmo has been sifting through 115 requests totaling $35 million in funding coming from more than 100 universities and institutions across the globe. His dilemma is that the NSF has only $2 million in available funds for these proposals.

“I have been in this position for a year now and can honestly say that, at times, it is overwhelming,” said Cirmo, the NSF program director of hydrologic sciences. “But the excitement of being privy to the cutting edge of this science and being involved in the distribution of funds for doing new research is an opportunity I could not pass by.”

The NSF selected Cirmo for its influential position, one that is held by different scientists on an annual basis, because of his reputation within the international community of water scientists, he noted.

“I am something of a chameleon in terms of my interests and preparation as an interdisciplinary physical and environmental scientist,” he explained. “My own work in water quality and quantity, biogeochemistry and water resources management has given me a scientific perspective across the physical, engineering and life sciences which is unique and in some demand.”

Cirmo presently works with approximately 25 other scientists and support staff representing the other fundamental areas of the geosciences, such as earth sciences, ocean sciences, atmospheric sciences, ecosystem science and climate change, within the Directorate of Geosciences. He fields questions and proposals from both scientists and the general public, while overseeing a program that has discretionary funds totaling some $10 million per year.

“I am convinced that it is my experience on the ‘road less taken’ which has led me to this position,” he said.

His office just completed a cycle of review and award administration performed twice per year in most programs in the geosciences. As a result, 15 grants were awarded to diverse groups studying everything from stream restoration to groundwater modeling and snowpack decline in the western U.S.

“This has been a fantastic and eye-opening experience in terms of just what constitutes ‘cutting-edge science’ and just how it is administered over a national network of universities, colleges, government agencies and non-profit organizations,” he stated. “Living inside the Beltway … well, that’s another story altogether!”

The experience has also been an altruistic one for Cirmo, who will return as the Geology Department chair in Fall 2006.

“This time at the NSF is an opportunity for me to give back something to a field which has treated me very well over the past 20 years” noted Cirmo, adding that his professional career has not been the typical “academic track” taken by most scientists.

Education Honor Society Announces Inductees

On May 10, 40 students were inducted into the Epsilon Chi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. Candidates for membership must have earned an overall GPA of 3.25 or better, if an undergraduate, or 3.5 or better, if a graduate student.

The following students were inducted during the ceremony held in Van Hoesen Hall:

Undergraduates
- Amanda Sevey
- Pamela Sharkey
- Katherine Shuman
- Tameka Stephenson

Graduates
- Jennifer Barthke
- Jennifer Blansett
- Anthony Caravella
- Suzanne Gmoser
- Tricia Goodenough
- Melissa Griffis
- Sherri Gross
- Melissa Illian
- Cynthia Janas
- Jessica Kabanuk
- Melissa Nelson
- Rena Nye
- Karen Rafferty
- Cheryl Reidel
- Robert Rosen
- Kerrie Seberg
- Leo Vincent

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the college’s Secondary Education Program; Curtis Richardson ’66, a professor of resource ecology at Duke University in Durham, N.C., and a world-renowned ecologist who has specialized for 35 years in wetlands ecology and water quality; and Jason Andrews ’97, the head of the Windsor Central School District who in January at age 30 was noted as New York State’s youngest school superintendent. Andrews will become a Distinguished Young Alumnus, having made his mark less than 10 years after graduation.

Immediately following the luncheon, members of Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Rho Sigma will meet in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. Members of Nu Sigma Chi sorority will sponsor an alumnae tea from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at their house on 52 Prospect Terrace. The Lambda Phi Delta fraternity plans a dinner at the Red Dragon.

An all-class banquet that evening will feature food, music and fun between 6-11 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

On Sunday, a farewell breakfast is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. in the Corey Union Caleion Room.

For more information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at ext. 2516 or visit the Web site www.cortland.edu/reunion.

“After earning a B.S. in chemistry and biology, I immediately confused my advisors by taking a year off school to travel, work in a lab, and take some time to myself building houses,” recounted Cirmo. “This was followed by work on my master’s degree in environmental geology at Indiana University, a stint as a high school chemistry/physics teacher in rural Indiana, a construction worker, a camp counselor, and time at the Oak Ridge National Labs in Tennessee studying exotic organic compound accumulation in fish.”

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Assessment Workshops Planned for Summer

The College Assessment Committee is sponsoring summer workshops to assist the campus community with its assessment efforts. All of the workshops will be delivered by the Institutional Research and Assessment Office (OIRA) staff including Shawn Van Etten and/or Merle Canfield. Workshops are as follows:

**Using the Online OIRA Student Demographic and Outcome Variable Database**

Designed to inform and teach participants how to access the wealth of student information that is available on the database, including 10 years of historical information, retention and graduation data. Attendees will also learn how the database integrates supplemental survey information.

**Target Audience:** Department chairs of academic programs scheduled for SUNY program review, any department chair and program coordinator and support and service unit directors.

**Details:** From 9-11 a.m. on Monday, June 5, in the Faculty Training Center and from 2-4 p.m on Thursday, June 8, Memorial Library.

**Assessment Plan Development, Implementation and Reporting**

Designed to provide an overview of assessment plan development and to assist participants with developing their assessment plan. Issues of implementation and reporting will also be covered.

**Target Audience:** Graduate program coordinators, academic program coordinators, support and service unit directors and any department or program looking to update or recreate their assessment plan.

**Details:** From 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

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**Basic Survey Development 101**

This introductory workshop will cover survey instrument creation, sampling procedures and how to use Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) for encoding and simple analysis.

**Target Audience:** Support and service units, academic departments and programs

**Details:** From 1-4 p.m. on Monday, June 26, Studio West, Room 125

**Creating an Online Survey Using Perseus Solutions**

This workshop will cover basic online survey development using Perseus Solutions software.

**Target Audience:** Department chairs of academic programs scheduled for SUNY program review, any department chair and program coordinator and support and service unit directors.

**Details:** From 2-4 p.m. on Monday, July 17, location to be announced.

Flyers have been distributed to major administrative offices. Questions can be directed to Institutional Research and Assessment Director Shawn Van Etten, Miller Building, Room 404, or via e-mail at vanettens@cortland.edu.

To make reservations, contact Pam Smith at ext. 5565 or by e-mail to smithp@cortland.edu

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**College Assessment Incentive Grant Program Proposals Due June 15**

The College Assessment Committee invites academic departments, interdisciplinary programs, support and service units and administrative offices to submit proposals for program funding.

Proposals are due by noon on Thursday, June 15, to Virginia Levine in the President’s Office, Miller Building, Room 408. Specific information and application forms will be distributed campus-wide via e-mail during the week of May 15. Those who do not receive the information but would like to should contact Joy Hendrick by e-mail to hendrick@cortland.edu.

Proposals should describe an activity or set of activities that would allow the unit, department or program to advance its existing assessment plan. For support and service units, the activities could also relate to assessing how the unit attempts to achieve at least one of the five overarching goals for this five-year strategic plan cycle, its division plan, and/or the unit plan. New units can use the funding to assist in the development of an assessment plan.

Project activities should be carried out during the summer or fall of 2006 or spring 2007 with a final report explaining the activities, grant expenditures and how the objectives were met, due on June 15, 2007.

There will be two tiers of awards: Tier I - a maximum of $1,000 per grant, and Tier II - one larger award in the $1,100-$2,000 range.

For more information, contact any member of the College Assessment Committee:

- David Barclay, geology; Michael Berzonsky, psychology; Victoria Boynton, English; Ed Caffarella, education; Mariangela Chandler, Academic Support and Achievement Program; Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and academic affairs; Joy Hendrick, exercise science and sport studies; Ingrid Jordak, publications and electronic media; Roy Olsson, professional studies; Mark Prus, arts and sciences; Shawn Van Etten, institutional research and assessment; Gail Wood, library.

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Auxiliary Services Corporation Announces 2006-07 Grant Recipients

Each year, the Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Board of Directors allocates funds to support grants for a wide range of purposes and projects that enhance the life of the SUNY Cortland community.

In April, the ASC Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Grant Program. Following is a list of grants funded by ASC that includes the project name, organization and amount received.

**Adironack Ice and Mountain Climbing**, Cortland Outdoor Opportunities Program, $200
**Admissions Recruitment Programs, Admissions Office**, $25,000
**Alcohol-Free “Connections” Coffeehouse**, Health Promotion Office, $3,500
**Alternative Spring Break, Cortland Student Volunteer Project**, $1,700
**Assistive Technology Fair, Special Ed Club**, $300
**Breaking Boundaries, Dowd Fine Arts Gallery**, $4,000
**Brooks Museum Lecture Series 2006-07, Brooks Museum**, $2,250
**Building Community through Collaboration and Understanding, Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies (MGS)**, $2,000
**Campus Artist and Lecture Series-Broadway Trips, Campus Artist and Lecture Series**, $3,000
**Campus Artist and Lecture Series-Lecture Grant Program, Campus Artist and Lecture Series Committee**, $12,000
**Campus Artist and Lecture Series-Performing Arts Series, Campus Artist and Lecture Series Committee**, $12,000
**Celebrating Chinese New Year: Teaching Cultural Sensitivity to Cortland Youth, Donna M. V. and EDU 326 and 575 Students**, $200
**Community Outreach Partnership, Institute for Civic Engagement**, $500
**COR 101 Instructor Grants, Advisement and Transition, $1,400**
**Cortland Nites, Cortland Nites Committee**, $750
**Developing Multicultural Leadership, Multicultural Life Office**, $2,500
**Disability Awareness Weekend at Raquette Lake with COR 101 Students, Diane Craft**, $500
**Early Childhood Program Training Series, SUNY Cortland Child Care Center**, $600
**Earth Day/Earth Week Festival 2007, Greening of the Campus Task Force Composting Group**, $750
**Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2007, Counseling Center, $1,500**
**Educational Opportunity Program 38th Annual Awards Dinner, Educational Opportunity Program, $1,700**
**Educational Opportunity Program Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) Induction, Educational Opportunity Program, $500**
**Educational Opportunity Program Summer Institute 2006, Educational Opportunity Program, $4,500**
**Educators in Training Conferences, Center for Educational Exchange, $400**
**Enlarging Relationships with Eastern and Central Europe, Project on Eastern and Central Europe, $900**
**Family Weekend 2006, Family Weekend Committee, $1,000**
**Girls and Women in Sports Day/ Girls Day Out, Athletics, $400**
**Goofs and Goblets, Career Services, $700**
**Goose Who’s Coming to Dinner, Career Services, $500**
**Keep on Bikini at SUNY Cortland, Recreation Leisure Studies Department, $1,000**
**Let’s Be Tobacco-Free Campaign, Health Promotion Office, $600**
**Life’s a Drag Diversity Program, Residential Services, $200**
**Native American Film Festival, Native American Studies, $600**
**New Student Orientation, Advisement and Transition Office, $5,000**
**Outdoor Open House, Cortland Outdoor Opportunities Program, Recreation and Leisure Studies Department, $500**
**President’s Purpose of Charter, Erik J. Bitterbaum, $46,650**
**Scholars’ Day 2007, Scholars’ Day Committee, $3,000**
**Spring Fling, Student Activities Board, $500**
**Student Government Association Festivals 2007, Student Government Association, $1,000**
**Student Government Association Winter Formal 2006, Student Government Association, $1,000**
**Support for Performing Arts Ensembles, Performing Arts Department, $2,000**
**Supporting the Initiative to Bring First-Semester Learning Community Pre-Majors to Raquette Lake, The TechFirst Learning Community at SUNY Cortland, $600**
**Teachers in Training: A Conference for Future Second Language Teachers, International Communications and Culture Department, $400**
**Transfer Welcome Events and Success Series, Coordinator of Transfer Student Services, $500**
**Tunnel of Oppression, Residential Services, $600**
**Welcome Week, Welcome Week and First-Year Programs, $2,500**
**World First Learning Community: Exploring International Culture, World First Learning Community, $300**
**WSUC College Media Conference, WSUC, $1,000**

**Sports Schedule**

**Capital Letters Denote Home Games**

**Wednesday, May 17**

Baseball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA
Men’s Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III Quarterfinals, TBA

**Thursday, May 18**

Baseball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA
Men’s/Women’s Outdoor Track and Field — ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA (at Springfield (Mass.) College)

**Friday, May 19**

Baseball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA
Men’s/Women’s Outdoor Track and Field — ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA (at Springfield (Mass.) College)

**Saturday, May 20**

Baseball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA
Women’s Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III Semifinals, TBA (at Stevens Tech; Hoboken, N.J.)

**Sunday, May 21**

Baseball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA
Men’s Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III Semifinals, TBA
Women’s Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III Finals, TBA (at Stevens Tech; Hoboken, N.J.)
Anthropologist Uncovers Lost Culture; Wins Service Award and $10,000 Grant

As the summer approaches, Sharon R. Steadman, sociology/anthropology, will once again pack her bags and head for central Turkey, where she will spend nearly two months excavating the remains of a culture that dates back to 5200 B.C.

This year, Steadman's work will be supported by a $10,000 grant from the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, an international research center affiliated with Harvard University. Along with a team of up to 10 archaeologists and graduate students, Steadman plans to continue excavating remains at the site, Çadir Hoyuk, which means tent mound, from the Byzantine era.

“We will be able to provide a very good picture of what was going on in this part of Turkey in the Byzantine period based on our excavation,” said Steadman, the field director of the 13-year-old archaeological project. “Prior to our work, we knew nothing about the period in this part of Turkey.”

Besides winning several grants to help finance the excavations, Steadman was the recipient of a 2005 service award from the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR). The award recognized her contributions as the editorial assistant to the journal, Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, for the past 10 years and her work in organizing presentations on Anatolia, the Asian part of Turkey, at ASOR's annual meetings held at different locations around the country each year.

“Sharon is just one of those people who always sees the cup as half full,” said Jeffrey R. Zorn, a visiting associate professor of Near Eastern Studies at Cornell University, who nominated Steadman for the award. “She’s just so enthusiastic that way that everybody appreciates her.”

Steadman, an associate professor of anthropology, said her excavation team has made several key discoveries at Çadir Hoyuk that have led to greater understanding of the people who lived there over a period of 6,300 years. Ronald Gorny, a research associate at the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago and director of the Çadir Hoyuk project, said he originally hired Steadman because of her expertise in prehistoric cultures.

“She's brought a lot to the project, not the least of which is money,” Gorny said. “I think the major contribution has just been her personality and her ability to get along with people and her ability to inspire younger students who are working with us and inspire them to do their best. She brings out the best in people.”

Steadman, who also coordinates the International Studies Program at SUNY Cortland, said the major finding excavators have made at the site was determining that Çadir Hoyuk was a sophisticated settlement in the prehistoric, Hittite and Byzantine eras. Up until the team’s work, researchers assumed that the region was “a backwater with a bunch of podunks living there and doing nothing,” she said.

In the prehistoric period, dating from 5200 to 3000 B.C., excavations showed that the settlement had large-scale architecture and that the site was enclosed by a wall, suggesting that the inhabitants felt they might be invaded. The archaeologists have found an open high place, facing the highest mountain at the site, which may have served as a ritual area. A collection of pots unearthed in a building in this section may have been used to make offerings of food to the deities, Steadman said.

“It was a pretty happening place in the prehistoric period, which nobody would have ever guessed,” Steadman said. “It’s taken years for us to excavate enough to get a sense of the life.”

In the Hittite era, from about 1800 to 1200 B.C., when Turkey's first empire was established, the settlement served as either an administrative or religious center. The team has revealed monumental architecture dating to this period, including a gateway to the city and major public buildings, which indicates that the site was important to the Hittite rulers.

With a $5,000 grant Dumbarton Oaks awarded last year, Steadman focused on excavating ruins from the Byzantine era, from 200 to 1100 A.D. What the excavations uncovered last summer were the remains of a Byzantine fort, complete with crosses, which may have served as a military post.

This summer, the team wants to determine why the settlement was abandoned in 1100 after a general decline in the quality of life. In the 6th century, the people inhabiting the site were wealthy and living in upscale houses, but five centuries later their fortunes had changed, Steadman said. Two theories may explain the collapse: outside attacks from Arab cultures or internal problems such as a deterioration of farming or trade.

"Is it clearly a larger issue and they're just the inheritors of a weak Byzantine empire or is it that the people at Çadir Hoyuk were not doing very well," Steadman said. “That’s what we’re trying to get at. We think it’s probably a little of both.”

During the summer, Steadman will also continue her ethnographic fieldwork in the nearby village of Penir Yemez, a community of 170 people where she and the other archaeologists live. The village is similar to Çadir Hoyuk and studying this community has helped Steadman in her research.

This semester, Steadman has taken a sabbatical to work on her upcoming book, The Archaeology of Religion: Cultures and Their Beliefs in Worldwide Context. Steadman said she decided to write the book because she could not find a suitable text for her course, The Archaeology of Religion.

Steadman, who lives in Lansing, N.Y., earned her master's and doctorate degrees at the University of California at Berkeley. She has been a faculty member at SUNY Cortland since 1998 and is the director of The Rozanne M. Brooks Museum, an ethnographic teaching museum on campus. She is married to Associate Professor of History Girish N. Bhat.
Main Street SUNY Cortland Location Scheduled to Open This Summer

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while increasing the civic engagement of their students.”

Little’s involvement with the Cortland community as a consultant to the Youth Bureau and the Zero Adolescence Pregnancy (ZAP) Program dates back to the 1970s, he said. Main Street SUNY Cortland combines Little’s strengths with those of Professor Richard Kendrick, chair of the Sociology/Anthropology Department and director of the College’s Institute for Civic Engagement.

“As Richard puts it quite well, we are working two sides of the street,” said Little, adding that the two professors view Main Street SUNY Cortland as a potential national model for other small public colleges.

The initiative can trace its roots back to 1999, when Little obtained the first competitive COPC grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Those monies produced an annual community assets and needs assessment process known as Cortland Counts, as well as a children’s museum, a housing plan, and activities in support of the College’s Institute for Civic Engagement. A second, two-year COPC New Directions grant targeted the city’s East End and led to the creation of the East End Community Center operated by the City Youth Bureau.

Main Street SUNY Cortland will build upon that momentum by being home to three different yet interrelated entities, explained Little.

“The first floor will house the office of the Institute for Civic Engagement’s Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC), as well as the Cortland Center for Economics Education and also the newly hired manager of the Cortland Downtown Partnership,” said Little.

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Little said that two Economics Department faculty members, Tim Phillips and Kathleen Burke, have been intensely involved with the Center’s creation and its potential.

Little added that he will be working closely with Tompkins Cortland Community College to augment the educational opportunities they are already offering the Cortland community.

The College is actively pursuing federal grants to stimulate programming and offset furnishing and operating costs at Main Street SUNY Cortland, said Little, adding that he’s excited about the impending opening of the facility.

“I am delighted with where we are at now,” he explained. “I think we are going to see enthusiasm, energy and great ideas in terms of programming. Now that we will have a physical presence downtown, that makes it very real to folks in the community and, in many ways, makes it more real for those of us up on campus, too.”

“The College is in wonderful shape right now. Our enrollments are way up and we have a really beautiful campus with a lot of renovation going on. And I think, frankly, the community is in great shape. The community and downtown are poised to develop economically.”

“In the next five years, I would see even more faculty working with students on research that involves the community and that is facilitated by the presence of the Beard Building. I would like to see a very fully developed program of service learning at the College. We are doing extremely well with that right now. I’d like to see continued outreach on the part of the College and the COPC person and continued development of joint research projects, through the College’s Office of Sponsored Programs, that mutually benefit both the College and the community and would be facilitated by the community work being done at the Beard Building.”
Faculty-Staff Activities

Timothy J. Baroni, biological sciences, and Genevieve Gates, University of Tasmania, have informed the selection committee of a recent discovery of two new species of Rhodocybe (Entolomataceae, Agaricales) from Tasmania. Their paper describes five new species from Tasmania and provides documentation on two newly discovered species that were previously known only from New Zealand and/or the mainland of Australia. Baroni will also be joining, by invitation from a colleague at the New York Botanical Garden, a 16-day National Science Foundation-supported expedition to Chiang Mai, Thailand, this June to work on the fungal biodiversity of that region. They will be joined by researchers from San Francisco State University and several master’s and doctoral graduate students. Baroni will then travel to Tasmania to do field work and collaborate with colleagues from Tasmania and mainland Australia.

Jean LeLoup and Robert Ponterio, international communications and culture, presented a session titled “Focus on Culture: What’s Your Perspective?” at the annual meeting of the Northeast Conference on Language Teaching held March 30-April 1 in New York, N.Y.

Also, Ponterio presented a poster session at the New York State Association of Foreign Languages Spring Colloquium, “Partnerships for Success: Supporting Our Students Promoting our Profession,” held April 28 in Syracuse. The session, titled “Foreign Language Teaching Forum: A Partnership Across Levels, Across Languages, Across the Nation, and Around The World,” provided current information about the FLTEACH online forum run by LeLoup and Ponterio with more than 4,000 subscribers from the United States and 80 countries around the world.

Catherine Porter Lewis, international communications and culture emerita, has been nominated to run for the position of second vice president of the Modern Language Association. The second vice president becomes first vice president in the second year, president in the third. The election is held in the fall.

Michael Toglia, psychology, completed his work as an external examiner on the dissertation committee of Yvonne Wakeford of Tufts University in Boston. She defended her doctoral thesis titled “Associative Memory in English-Spanish Bilinguals” on April 18. The next day Toglia was at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where he served as the outside examiner for Andrea Lichtman’s Honors Thesis titled “Post-Identification Feedback: Manipulating Beliefs about the Number of Eyewitnesses and Measuring Credibility.”

In July, Toglia will be in Sydney, Australia, for the fourth meeting of the International Congress on Memory (ICOM), at which he is a discussant on a symposium titled “Children’s False Memories.” As the executive director of the Society of Applied Research on Memory and Cognition (SARMAC), he will participate in ICOM’s opening ceremony presenting travel award checks to four SARMAC students who are presenting at ICOM.


Ben E. Wodi, health, was informed that his paper titled “Re-evaluating Socioeconomic Conditions and the Continuing Spread of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa,” has been accepted for publication in The Western Journal of Black Studies. This journal enjoys global readership and distinction on African/African-American issues. Also, Wodi recently completed a review of an article titled “Child Sexual Abuse and HIV Transmission in Sub-Saharan Africa: What are the Risks?” for the Child Abuse Review Journal based in the United Kingdom.

Arden Zipp, chemistry, coordinated the marking of the National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) exams that was recently held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The NCO Program, sponsored by the American Chemical Society for the past 20 years, is designed to select a team of four high school students to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad which will be held in the Republic of Korea from July 2-11. Zipp chairs the task force that prepares the multiple choice and free response exams that are used in the selection process.

ASC Spring Semester Closings Announced

ASC Office

Regular hours through Friday, May 19
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Summer hours begin Monday, May 22
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day

The Bookmark

Closing for the semester at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17

Regular hours through Friday, May 19
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Summer hours begin Monday, May 22
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day

College Store

Regular hours through Thursday, May 18
Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22–
Tuesday, May 23 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24–
Thursday, May 25 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Summer hours begin Friday, May 26
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

Extended Commencement Hours:
Friday, May 19 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday, May 20 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Dragon’s Court

Closing for the semester at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17

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Geology Professor Oversees NSF Program

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Cirno then worked for British Petroleum for two years in Montana and Alaska as a project scientist before becoming a community college professor in New York.

“I must say that had I been on a straight academic track, I never would have had the wealth of work and life experiences which I believe have given me this unique opportunity at the NSF,” he continued.

He completed his Ph.D. at Syracuse University on water quality and watershed biogeochemistry, which led to his publication of a critical piece of research on the potential for remediation of acid rain effects in lakes, wetlands and streams.

“My post-doctoral experience in 1994 changed my perspective again when I worked with a physical hydrologist and became interested in surface and groundwater movement,” recounted Cirno. He then worked for three years as an assistant professor at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania.

Since joining the SUNY Cortland faculty in 1998, Cirno has received nearly $500,000 in research grants, published numerous papers, given many presentations and developed the successful concentration in water resources in the Geology Department.

In 2002, he was the first SUNY Cortland recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Recognition Award for Exemplary Contributions to Research and Scholarship and, in 2003, a charter recipient of a SUNY Cortland Excellence in Research Award.

His current projects include analysis of wetlands surrounding the New York City reservoirs system, modeling wetland functions in the Appalachians, and determining the meaning of “forever wild” in the Adirondacks.

Cirno is also administering a special interdisciplinary program competition in “Carbon and Water Cycling in the Earth System,” a joint program with the Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Divisions, and is representing the NSF Geosciences at national meetings.

“The new program draws on expertise across the geological, biological and engineering sciences and has received some 200 project proposals to date,” said Cirno, who is also an advisor to a special council overseeing environmental research and education across the NSF. “There is great excitement in this program and others focused on the impacts and controls on rapid climate change. We in the geosciences are at the juncture between science and policy interests in this office.”

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Coming Events

Friday, May 19
Graduate Commencement Rehearsal: See page 3 for schedule
Undergraduate Commencement Rehearsals: See page 3 for complete list.
Graduate Commencement: Park Center Alumni Arena, 7 p.m.
Kente Cloth Graduation Ceremony: Corey Union Function Room, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20
Undergraduate Commencement: Park Center Alumni Arena,
Ceremony A, 9:30 a.m.; Ceremony B, 2:30 p.m.
Commencement Receptions: See page 3 for complete list.

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Dragon’s Den
Closing for the semester at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 18

Friendly’s
Closing for the semester at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17

Neubig
Open regular hours until Wednesday, May 17
Thursday, May 18 - Open from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Caleion Room, The Colloquium, The Poolside and Raquette Pizza are closed for the semester.