College and Community to Mark Earth Week with City-wide Events

SUNY Cortland faculty, staff and students teamed up with representatives from City of Cortland and area non-profit agencies, businesses and government officials to plan more than 19 separate community activities to mark Earth Week from April 16-22.

The events, which are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted, will take place mainly in the Marketplace Mall on the city’s Main Street, the Main Street SUNY Cortland facility at 9 Main St., or on the campus Moffett Center lawn.

Earth Week 2007 is a community-focused event designed to foster sustained improvement in the Cortland-area’s cultural, educational, economic and physical health, noted John Suarez, service-learning, which is part of the College’s Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE). ICE has spearheaded the College’s involvement in organizing the events.

“Before this year, Earth Day activities on campus were mainly organized by the campus organization New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and the Campus Greening Committee,” Suarez said. “The city separately sponsored its own activities commemorating Earth Week. This year, people on and off campus formed Cortland Area Respects the Earth (CARE) to acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and to promote sustainable and sustained environmentally friendly products and services.”

After Earth Week, the approximately 23-member CARE team will promote, record and publicize environmental-improvement activities in the greater Cortland area. CARE is designing a mascot, named EGOR the Green Dragon, for its activities. EGOR, which stands for Extreme Green Outdoor Recreation, will promote a range of “green” behaviors.

Research Will Be Showcased at Scholars’ Day April 18

The 11th annual Scholars’ Day, a series of presentations highlighting faculty, staff and student scholarship and research at SUNY Cortland, will take place in Old Main on Wednesday, April 18.

The event encompasses almost 130 different presentations and poster sessions presented by hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students and more than 80 faculty and staff members. The subject matter covers a wide array of academic disciplines at the College.

All Scholars’ Day presentations take place in Old Main starting at 8:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. President Erik J. Bitterbaum has suspended daytime classes to allow the SUNY Cortland community to fully benefit from the lectures and demonstrations. Area high school juniors and seniors and their instructors were formally invited to attend the event.

Thomas Buchanan ’74, president of the University of Wyoming (UW), will deliver the keynote address on “Scholarship in Higher Education: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly” at 11:30 a.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

For more information, including the complete schedule of events, visit the Scholars’ Day Web page at www.cortland.edu/scholarsday or call ext. 4312.
Daniel Mendelsohn, Author of Holocaust Memoir, Will Discuss Book

Daniel Mendelsohn, the author of the acclaimed memoir, *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*, will speak in honor of Holocaust Memorial Day on Wednesday, April 25.

Mendelsohn’s lecture, “Finding ‘The Lost’: Some Problems (and Pleasures) in Writing One Family’s Holocaust Story,” will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. The event, which is free and open to the public, will include a presentation by the author’s brother, Matt Mendelsohn, a professional photographer. A selection of his photographs of the people and places described in the book will be exhibited in the Old Main lobby from April 19-25.

Daniel Mendelsohn, a classics scholar and literary critic who teaches at Bard College, wrote *The Lost* (HarperCollins, 2006) in an attempt to find out what happened to six members of his family who perished in the Holocaust: his great-uncle Shmuel Jäger, Jäger’s wife Ester, and their four daughters. Beginning in 2001, Mendelsohn spent more than three years traveling to Israel, Denmark, Australia and a village in Ukraine (what was then Poland) searching for survivors and clues to the fate of his ancestors.

The process, Mendelsohn said, was “filled with frustrations, disappointments, miracles and ultimately, certain satisfactions.” Time, memory and history were the obstacles he faced as he and his brother raced around the world tracking down the 12 remaining survivors from their family’s small Polish town. Through his research, Mendelsohn learns that Schmiel’s wife and three of their daughters died in mass executions in 1941 and 1942. His great-uncle and his daughter, Frydka, were hidden by two Polish schoolteachers but were betrayed and discovered by

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- “The Cortland County Tobacco-Free Outdoors: Protect Young Lungs at Play” project will be exhibited by the Cortland County Health Department from 4-8 p.m.
- Cornell’s Consumer Education Program for Residential Energy Efficiency will be demonstrated by Cornell Cooperative Extension and 4-H Energy Bike from 4-8 p.m. Participants will be able to experience hands-on how much energy is needed to generate enough electricity for traditional incandescent bulbs versus energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs.
- A “Bike Parts Art Contest” will invite children to create works of art from bicycle parts provided by 4-H. The 4-H and Community Bike Project will oversee the activity from 5-7 p.m.

**Main Street SUNY Cortland, April 19-20, 4-8 p.m.**

- Lime Hollow Center for Environmental Education and Culture will offer an Earth Week display.
- Energy-efficiency products will be exhibited.

**Moffett Center lawn:**
- An alternate fuel propane vehicle can be observed and driven from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday, April 19.
- Alternate fuel vehicles can be observed on Friday, April 20. The propane vehicle is on display and can be driven from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and the hybrid vehicle from noon-1 p.m.
- “101 Sustainable Ways to Live” will be demonstrated from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, April 20.
- A program on “Eco-Tourism in Spanish-Speaking Countries” will be presented from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, April 20.
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Provost Participating in Fact-Finding Trip
To Assist Higher Education in African Country

Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will visit her native Republic of Liberia to advise the government there on how to rebuild its shattered higher education system.

Davis-Russell, the College’s chief academic officer since 2001, will travel from April 21-29 with four colleagues from the University of Pennsylvania, Troy (Ala.) University, Bowie (Md.) State University, University of the District of Columbia and two staff members from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

“The Liberian Minister of Education asked AASCU for assistance in reconstructing higher education in Liberia after 14 years of civil war,” said Davis-Russell, who was born in Harper, Liberia. “AASCU then selected representatives from its member institutions to serve on the team.”

Davis-Russell was tapped because of her first-hand knowledge of higher education in Liberia and the U.S.

“I received my early education in Liberia and continued to visit my parents there during the summer,” she explained. “My parents sent me to England to finish school and then to the U.S. for college.”

In America, she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Oakland University in Michigan, a master’s degree in educational psychology from New York University (NYU), a Doctor of Education in Counselor Education from Yeshiva University and a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from NYU.

“While working on my doctorate at Yeshiva University, I volunteered during one summer to develop the Educational Psychology Master’s Program at the University of Liberia,” Davis-Russell said.

“The AASCU team has already met in the U.S. twice as a team and a third time with a group of stakeholders — that is, expatriates from Liberia — who worked in higher education and are living in the U.S.,” she said.

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Russell Banks, Novelist and Short Story Writer, Addresses American Fundamentalism on April 24

Russell Banks, the critically acclaimed author of The Sweet Hereafter, a novel that was adapted into a prize-winning feature film, will speak on Tuesday, April 24, in conclusion of SUNY Cortland’s yearlong “Fundamentally Speaking” series.

“An Evening with Russell Banks,” featuring an interview with the author, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. The event is free and open to the public.

Banks, who has written a dozen novels and short story collections, is the final speaker in the series of lectures and cultural events that has examined the role of fundamentalism in religion, politics and science.

While his fiction has focused on the experiences of working-class people who live in the Northeast, Banks has written two novels that deal with the intertwining of American culture and religion — Cloudsplitter (1998), the story of the anti-slavery activist John Brown, and The Relation of My Imprisonment (1984), a portrayal of an imprisoned Puritan divine.

“He seems to have an insight into how religion and America’s national identity are really woven together,” said Lorraine Berry, NeVoS, and a member of the committee that planned the “Fundamentally Speaking” series. Berry will interview Banks during his appearance on campus.

A resident of Saratoga Springs and Keene, N.Y., Banks was New York State Author from 2004-06. Three of his books are set in hardscrabble upstate New York towns, and his forthcoming novel, The Reserve, to be published next year, is situated in the Adirondacks at the height of the Great Depression.


For more information, contact Berry at ext. 2483.

SUNY Cortland Launches Online College Catalogs

The SUNY Cortland 2006-2007 Undergraduate Catalog and the SUNY Cortland 2006-2007 Graduate Catalog can now be accessed from the College’s Web site as fully searchable, Web-enabled documents. The College Catalogs Web page, located at www.cortland.edu/catalog, offers two catalog choices: the pdf version and the Web-enabled version.

The 2007-2008 catalogs will be posted online this summer, along with archived versions of catalogs.

The Publications and Electronic Media Office is asking the campus community to view the current Web-enabled catalogs and provide feedback that can be incorporated in the 2007-2008 catalogs. Comments can be referred to Ingrid Jordak, publications and electronic media, at ext. 4699, jordak@cortland.edu, or to Nancy Aumann, academic affairs, at ext. 5477, aumannn@cortland.edu.

College Council Will Meet

The SUNY Cortland College Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, April 27, at 4 p.m. in Miller Building, Room 405.

Council members will hear reports by College Council Chair Dorothea Fowler, President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Faculty Senate Chair Mel King and Student Government Association President Katie Boyes.

The president-elect of the Student Government Association along with Karla Alwes, the 2007-08 Faculty Senate chair, will both be introduced to the Council.

The Council will approve its 2007-08 meeting schedule, consider revisions to the Student Code of Conduct, review the SUNY Cortland Gender Climate Survey 2006 final report, and meet in executive session regarding the 2007 College-Community Appreciation Award.

Prior to the College Council meeting at 3:15 p.m., members will listen to a presentation on the Supplemental Instruction Program from its co-coordinators, Esa Merson and Jeanine Rose, and from Academic Support and Achievement Program Director Mariangela Chandler.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
Faculty Senate Supports Collecting Data on Course Withdrawal Policy

During a sometimes contentious Faculty Senate meeting on April 3 that pitted student representatives against the Steering Committee, senators voted 12-9 to endorse Senate Chair Mel King’s decision to charge the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) with gathering objective data about the pros and cons of the College’s current course withdrawal policy.

The EPC was directed to deliver a progress report to the Senate at its last meeting of the semester on May 15. The fact-finding effort is designed to help the Senate determine whether the College should reverse its three-year-old policy of allowing students to withdraw from courses in the semester’s waning weeks without penalty of an “E” grade.

King told senators that he exercised the right, as chair, to charge the EPC. When Student Senator Seth Brown asked for a vote to overturn King’s action, King ruled Brown out of order. Brown then asked for a vote to appeal King’s out of order ruling. Senators voted in favor of Brown and continuing the discussion.

The student senators expressed their concern that withdrawal with an “E” grade was a punitive action against them and also that such a decision should involve the Student Senate. Senator Katie Boyes conveyed that a straw poll of the Student Senate was conducted on the withdrawal policy change and that students voted against it.

“It’s a business,” said Boyes. “We are paying for our classes. We should have the right to have a say in the withdrawal policy.”

Senator David Berger, psychology, replied that academic policy is the responsibility of faculty, not students. He added that King’s action was to gather more data about the success of the policy and not to change it.

“We don’t gather data unless we think there’s a problem,” said Senator Joseph Governali, health, adding that he saw no problem with the existing withdrawal policy.

Vice Chair Karla Alves, English, said that she did not view the withdrawal policy review as being punitive.

Student Senator Chris Schacht suggested that feedback be gathered from students as to why they withdraw to help in the decision-making process.

Senator Lynn Anderson, recreation and leisure studies, cautioned that the Senate should be judicious in the work that it sends to the already-taxed EPC members, of which she is one. EPC Chair John Cottone, exercise science and sports studies, said that he had not yet received King’s original directive. He added that the EPC met earlier that day and questioned whether the debate over the withdrawal policy should instead occur in the full senate.

Senator Robert Spitzer, political science, countered that it is appropriate for the Senate to send such a matter to one of its committee for more review. Senator Isa Jubran further added that a timely assessment component should be part of such an academic policy.

Mike Veeck, Minor League Baseball Team Owner, Promoter To Speak at Sport Management Awards Ceremony April 26

Mike Veeck, a national trailblazer in the successful operation of minor league baseball teams, will deliver the keynote address at the sixth annual SUNY Cortland Sport Management Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 26.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, is supported by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series, the Student Activity Fee and the Hampton Inn.

Organized by the Sport Management Club to spotlight student excellence in both academics and service-learning activities, the event recognizes an outstanding sophomore, outstanding junior, outstanding senior, and the recipients of the Bogard Scholarship, the Excelsior Award, the Sport Law Award, the Information Technology in Sport Award, the Wingate Scholarship, the Teaching Excellence Award, the International Award and the Sport Management External Relations Partner Award. Two sport management majors who received a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence this year will also be recognized.

Mike Veeck, a Mt. Pleasant, S.C., resident who is president and part owner of minor league baseball teams, will address the audience on characteristics of an ideal employee and future sporting industry leader. He’ll offer suggestions on how to break into the industry and on developing outrageous marketing approaches.

The author of the book Fun is Good, Veeck endeavors to share his “Fun is Good” philosophy as an advertising professional and public speaker and through his Veeck Promotional Seminar and corporate training video.

He has applied his unique outlook to transform a half-dozen money-losing or start-up teams into a thriving $25 million business. Veeck and his partner, Marv Goldklang, operate the Goldklang Group, overseeing franchises in Brockton, Mass., Charleston, S.C., Fort Myers, Fla., St. Paul, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Sport Management Department currently has more than 392 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in its programs. The graduate program initiated this academic year provides students with both the formal educational foundation and the additional key experiential learning opportunities necessary to gain access to a career in the extremely competitive sport industry. The College offers the only sport management major at undergraduate and graduate levels within the SUNY system.

For more information about the awards program, contact Assistant Professor of Sport Management Daniel DePerno at ext. 5507. For more information about Cortland Sport Management, visit www.cortland.edu/spmg.
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For more information about Cortland Sport Management, visit www.cortland.edu/spmg.
Conference on Autism, Developmental Disabilities Will Feature Nationally Recognized Presenters

Human service professionals, teachers, parents, students and those involved in the education of children and adults with autism or other developmental disabilities will gather at SUNY Cortland on Friday, April 20.

The 15th annual Conference on Improving Teaching and Learning in Central New York will run from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. in Corey Union. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

The conference, featuring the theme of behavior, communication and learning with individuals with autism and developmental disabilities, will showcase nationally recognized presenters in these fields, as follows:

• David P. Wacker, a professor of pediatrics and special education at the University of Iowa and director of two outpatient clinic services for children and adults with disabilities who engage in severe problem behavior.
• Joseph Reichle, a professor in the Departments of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at the University of Minnesota.
• Dana Battaglia, a speech pathologist and outreach specialist at Eden II/The Genesis School.
• Mary McDonald, the associate executive director of Long Island services for Eden II Programs.
• Carol Bell, mathematics and coordinator of Early Childhood/Childhood Education at SUNY Cortland.

Walk-in registration is available, although lunch cannot be guaranteed for walk-in participants. A program may be obtained at www.setrc.org.

Full-day and half-day conference options are offered. The full-day cost for professionals and paraprofessionals with continental breakfast and hot buffet lunch is $80. The half-day without lunch is $45. For parents and direct-care providers, the full-day is $45 and the half-day is $25. For students, the full-day is $45, the half-day is $15 and the full-day without lunch is $25. There is no cost for SUNY Cortland students, but lunch is not included.

The conference is sponsored by the Psychology Department, Exceptional Family Resources, Tompkins Seneca Tioga BOCES Special Education Training Resource Center (SETRC) and the Franziska Racker Centers. For more information, contact Paul Luyben, psychology, at ext. 2042 or luybenp@cortland.edu.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

Foreign Language Faculty to Instruct Middle, High School Teachers at Conference

A one-day “Scholars’ Day for Foreign Language Teachers” on Tuesday, April 24, is intended to expose middle and high school teachers to the cutting edge of research and scholarship in non-English language studies.

Nine faculty members in the International Communications and Culture Department (ICC) will present their most recent field research, academic journal publications and use of technology to improve teaching during the event from 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. in Corey Union.

Pre-registration is required to attend sessions. The general conference fee of $30 includes morning refreshments, a hot buffet lunch and materials. SUNY Cortland faculty and students may attend for free without lunch, or for $12 with lunch. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 18.

The event will begin at 8:15 a.m. with registration and a display of vendor booths. Following a welcome and overview at 8:45 a.m., Jean LeLoup, ICC, will deliver the keynote speech on “An Algorithm for Second Language Learning and Instruction.”

Concurrent workshop sessions will begin at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Conference participants will regroup at 2 p.m. for “Collegial Circles: A Time for Reflection and Sharing” and the day’s conclusion.

The Central New York Education Consortium (CNYEC) is a planning group comprised of chief executives of school districts, BOCES, and higher education institutions in the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison and the Oswego BOCES’ regions. Its purpose is to build connections between the area’s colleges and universities and its elementary and secondary schools to strengthen the delivery of educational services for the Central New York community.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Educational Exchange (CEE), at ext. 4214 or at cee@cortland.edu.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

New Concepts in Math Education Featured in April 25 Conference for Primary, Secondary Teachers

Central New York kindergarten through eighth grade teachers, their support staff, school administrators, college students studying to be teachers and their professors, will have an opportunity to take a fresh look at effective mathematics teaching methods during a one-day conference on Wednesday, April 25.

The conference begins at 8:15 a.m. with registration and a display of vendor booths. Hosted by SUNY Cortland, the conference, “Math: A Paradigm Shift for Conceptual Understanding,” is sponsored by the New York State Association for Comprehensive Education (NYSACE) and will take place from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in Corey Union.

Pre-registration is required to attend sessions. The general conference fee of $90 includes morning refreshments, a hot buffet lunch and materials. SUNY Cortland faculty and students may attend for free without lunch, or for $12 with lunch. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 18.

“The teaching of mathematics must dramatically and systematically change for students to increase conceptual understanding, demonstrate procedural fluency, and develop strong problem solving skills, as proposed by the No Child Left Behind legislation and the New York State Mathematics Core Curriculum, revised in March 2005,” said Carol Bell, mathematics and coordinator of adolescence education: mathematics. Bell will deliver the keynote speech at 8:45 a.m. with her colleague, Susana Davidenko, childhood/early childhood education.

“To achieve this paradigm shift, teachers need to have a clear understanding of the depth and breadth of mathematical concepts that will help students acquire the mathematical skills that are deemed necessary in today’s society,” Bell continued.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214 or at cee@cortland.edu.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
Sport Sociologist Yomee Lee Receives Fulbright Scholarship to Study in Korea

Yomee Lee, exercise science and sport studies, was named to serve as a Fulbright Scholar in Korea during the coming academic year.

The prestigious award, established in 1946 by the U.S. government under legislation introduced by then Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, will support her plans to study South Korean-born sporting celebrity Hines Ward’s impact on racial attitudes in Korean society. Ward, who currently plays wide receiver for the NFL’s Pittsburgh Steelers, was named the 2005 Most Valuable Player for Super Bowl XL.

Lee, who joined the College in 2000, plans to take a one-year sabbatical from her teaching responsibilities to participate in the Fulbright Program, which is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U. S. Department of State. The bureau is responsible for the U.S. government’s overseas educational, cultural and informational programs. The U.S. Congress funds the Fulbright Scholarship through an annual appropriation to the Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions also share the cost.

“Developing international understanding requires a commitment on the part of Fulbright grantees to establish open communication and long-term cooperative relationships,” wrote Steven Uhlfelder, who chairs the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, in a letter to Lee announcing her award. “In that way, Fulbrighters enrich the educational, political, economic, social and cultural lives of countries around the world.”

As a Fulbright Scholar, Lee will teach in residence at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. In 2006, Yonsei named Lee among its “100 Female Leaders of the Future.”

“My primary research interest has been gender and racial issues in sports, more specifically Asian American women and their experiences in sports,” said Lee, whom the National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education honored with a 2001 Young Scholar Award.

During her Fulbright year of overseas study, Lee will test her news media and personal observations about Hines Ward by administering 50-question surveys among Yonsei University’s 30,000 students.

Lee asserts that the phenomenal success of Ward, born in Seoul of Korean and African-American parents, may have caused Koreans to revise their attitudes on race and nationality.

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the Gestapo, who dragged them out and shot them on the spot.

“The book is very interesting because it personalizes the Holocaust but it is also a kind of mystery that slowly unravels,” said Sanford J. Gutman, chair of SUNY Cortland’s History Department who teaches courses on the Holocaust. “It’s like putting a puzzle together, and he little by little puts more pieces together in the puzzle before he understands the whole picture.”

In a lecture at SUNY Cortland in 2002, Mendelsohn is the author of two previous books: The Elusive Embrace: Desire and the Riddle of Identity (Knopf, 1999), a memoir of sexual identity and family history; and Gender and the City in Euripides; Political Plays (Oxford, 2002), a scholarly study of Greek tragedy.

His lecture at SUNY Cortland is sponsored by the Jewish Studies Committee, the Project on Eastern and Central Europe, the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, the James M. Clark Center for International Education, the Political Science Club and the History Club.

For more information, contact Henry J. Steck, political science, at ext. 4807.
Reinhard Receives Fine Teaching Development Award

The Faculty Development Center has announced that the first Fine Teaching Development Award was granted to Rachel Reinhard, history.

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

Reinhard’s project, “A Cross-Cultural Examination of Urban Education: Developing a Learning Community,” engages themes of urban education, racial inequity, underserved populations, and will be a collaborative effort involving Cynthia Sarver, English, and Anne Burns, Thomas, foundations and social advocacy.

Reinhard will spend the time afforded by the course reduction to re-work her curriculum, build networks in Syracuse city schools for fieldwork and make contacts for urban field experiences that the students will undertake.

The application deadline for the Spring 2008 semester is Nov. 5.

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

Library Hours

Extended Late Night Hours
April 16 through May 10

Monday-Thursday 7:45 am - 3 a.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m. - midnight
Saturday 11 a.m. - midnight
Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 a.m.

Finals Week
May 11 through May 16

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

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“We will now go there on a fact-finding mission. The country has an opportunity to evaluate what's needed today instead of just patching up the old system. But first, we need to find out what's functional and what's not, what's working and what needs work.”

Located on the west coast of Africa, Liberia, which means, “Land of the Free,” was founded as an independent, democratic nation for free-born and formerly enslaved African Americans. Two recent civil wars, from 1989-1996 and from 1999-2003 that were fomented in large part by multinational corporations vying for the country’s rich natural resources, displaced hundreds of thousands of citizens, including many college faculty, and destroyed the country’s economy.

Once rich in natural resources with a relatively thriving economy and advanced educational system, Liberia is now very poor, Davis-Russell said.

Davis-Russell previously served as a presidential associate at Alliant University in Fresno, Calif. She has certification in psychoanalytic psychotherapy from the Institute for the Study of Psychotherapy in New York City.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
**News Briefs**

**‘An Inconvenient Truth’ To Be Shown on April 19**

“An Inconvenient Truth,” which won the Academy Award for Best Documentary, will be shown at 4 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

Sponsored by Cortland Area Respects the Earth (CARE), “An Inconvenient Truth” portrays the urgent problem of global warming – its causes and effects.

A question and discussion period will follow for those in audience who are interested. Part of SUNY Cortland’s Earth Week observance, the event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Arnold Talentino, Honors Program, at ext. 4827 or by e-mail to talentino@cortland.edu.

**Asian Baseball Scholar Will Recount History on April 19**

Rob Fitts, an historian on Japanese baseball and culture, will present “An Oral History of Japanese Baseball” at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, in Studio West, Room 101.

Presented by the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR), the talk is free and open to the public.

Fitts, who chairs SABR’s Asian Baseball Research Committee, received his B.A. in history and anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Brown University. He has written numerous articles on Japanese baseball and culture.


The lecture is partially funded through a Campus Artist and Lecture Series grant. For more information, contact David Snyder, sport management, at ext. 5504 or by e-mail at snyder@cortland.edu.

**Fiber Arts Students Display at Main Street SUNY Cortland**

The Art and Art History Department exhibition featuring student work from the fibers program, titled “Shooting the Shuttle: New Student Weavings,” will run through Friday, April 20, in the Main Street SUNY Cortland Beard Building Gallery.

The exhibition showcases hand-woven designs that students have completed during the academic year, said Jenn McNamara, art and art history, who juried the work in “Shooting the Shuttle.”

“This show is a unique opportunity to view student weavings, as the Cortland Fibers Program is the only Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts program in the SUNY system that gives any student the opportunity to involve themselves with the weaving process.”

The exhibition continues an ongoing series that the student-run Art Exhibition Association is coordinating in the gallery this semester.

For more information, contact Kathryn Kramer, art and art history, at ext. 4316 or kramerk@cortland.edu.

**Orchestra Concert Planned**

The College-Community Orchestra will present pieces by Franz Schubert, William Schuman, and Ralph Vaughan Williams in its spring concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

Ubaldo Valli is the new conductor for the orchestral ensemble made up of SUNY students and musicians from the community. The program will consist of Williams’ Overture to “The Wasps” (1909), Schuman’s “Newsreel in Five Shots” (1942), with Thomas Hischak, performing arts, as guest narrator, and Schubert’s “unfinished” Symphony No. 7 (D.759).

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

**Scholar to Discuss Women’s Body Image Through the Ages**

Joan Jacobs Brumberg, the author of *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls*, will discuss her ground-breaking 1997 book on Tuesday, April 17.

Brumberg, a noted social historian who is the Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow and professor emerita of history, human development and gender studies at Cornell University, will present “A Social History of Women’s Body Image in America” at 4:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge.

A reception at 4 p.m. will precede this keynote address, which will conclude Women’s History Month at the College. Organized by the Women’s Studies Committee and sponsored by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series and Planet of Women for Equality and Respect (POWER), the lecture and reception are free and open to the public.


For more information, contact Linda Lavine, psychology, at ext. 2040, or Women’s Studies Coordinator Caroline Kaltefleiter at ext. 4203 or kaltefc@cortland.edu.

**Contemporary Broadway Featured in Two Concerts**

The spring College Singers concert, titled “Broadway Rocks: This Is Not Your Grandfather’s Broadway,” will be presented twice in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 22.

The program will feature songs from recent Broadway musicals, including “Hair,” “Jersey Boys,” “Aida,” “Mamma Mia,” “The Full Monty,” and “Once on This Island.”

The musical director is Mary Sugar, performing arts, and the singers are students mostly chosen from the musical theatre program in the Performing Arts Department.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.
Faculty-Staff Activities

Gretchen Herrmann, library, delivered a paper titled “Rites of Passage in the U.S. Garage Sale,” at the 67th annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology held March 31 in Tampa, Fla. The paper addresses the ways in which holding a sale signifies and facilitates the transition from one status or identity to a newer one.

Lori Hepner, art and art history, has been awarded a 2007 Fellowship by the Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts. Fellows are chosen by a jury that awards fellowships to three New York State visual artists and two writers for a month-long stay in each of the summer months at the foundation. The Saltonstall Arts Colony is located just outside of Ithaca, N.Y. Hepner’s residency will run from June 25 through July 24 and will include an “Open Studio Sunday” from 2-4 p.m. on July 22, when the public is invited to view work completed by the fellows during the residency.


Emmanuel Nelson, English, was notified that the five-volume Encyclopedia of Multicultural American Literature (Greenwood Press, 2006) that he edited has won two awards. The book was named an Outstanding Academic Title by Choice and an Editor’s Choice by Booklist.

James Reese, sport management, co-presented at the Title IX Academic and Legal Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The presentation, titled, “Travelers on the Title IX Compliance Highway: How are Ohio Colleges and Universities Faring?” studied the distribution of resources throughout the state of Ohio to men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic programs.

Michael Toglia, psychology, recently co-authored a presentation titled “Veridical and False Memory: Age- and Intelligence-Related Differences” at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development held March 29-April 1 in Boston, Mass. The other authors were Michael Carlin of the E. K. Shriver Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School, and Yvonne Wakeford of Tufts University.

Mark P. Worrell, sociology/anthropology, delivered two papers at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society held April 4-7 in Chicago, Ill. The first paper, “Toward a Critical Theory of Male Fantasies,” was presented in conjunction with Dan Krier and Kevin Amidon, both scholars at Iowa State University. The second paper, “Totem Calling Commodity: The Accumulation and Exchange of Objective Moral Energies,” was presented in David Norman Smith’s Social Theory session. Additionally, Worrell organized and presided over a panel devoted to the sociology of propaganda and demonization.

Teaching Innovation Grants Awarded to Sheets, Summers

The Faculty Development Center recently awarded its annual Teaching Innovation Grants for the 2007-08 academic year. Recipients are Kevin Sheets, history, and Pamela Summers, literacy.

Sheets’ project, “Cortland Wiki,” will be utilized for Historical Methods (HIS 290), a course that introduces history as a profession and the processes of historical research, interpretation and writing. The “Cortland Wiki” will be a site where Sheets’ students write a collaborative history of the Cortland community. They will select topics in local history, conduct research in community archives, and contribute their findings in entries collected on the “Cortland Wiki” Web site.

Subsequent classes of Historical Methods students will be able to augment and develop the historical materials collected there. Once the project is established, it ideally would be opened to the community at large so that local Cortland residents can contribute to the expanding history of the county.

Summers’ project involves Teaching Reading and Language Arts in the Elementary School, (LIT 371) Part I, a course that uses an integrated approach to teaching reading, writing, speaking and listening in elementary school. Summers’ specific challenge is how to best promote teaching early literacy skills in pre-service teachers. Along with the usual curricular tools of textbook, lecture and in-class student practice, she plans to obtain and use videos of seasoned teachers demonstrating reading and writing skills to their elementary classes.

These will form a visual catalog of master skills that her students need to acquire to teach language arts effectively. The materials will be made available from the Child Research and Study Center at the University of Albany.

Upon completion of their pilot projects, both Sheets and Summers will disseminate their results to the faculty through a public presentation in spring 2008.

For more information, contact Faculty Development Center Director Laura Gathagan at ext. 2088.
Coming Events

**Monday, April 16**
**Earth Week Begins:** For a complete list of Earth Week events, see the article on page 1.

**Tuesday, April 17**
**Faculty Senate Meeting:** Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 1:10 p.m.

**Speaker:** “A Social History of Women’s Body Image in America” by Joan Jacobs Brumberg, historian and author, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4:30 p.m.

**Concert:** “Broadway Rocks: This Is Not Your Grandfather’s Broadway,” by the Cortland College Singers, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 18**
**Scholars’ Day:** Programs held throughout Old Main beginning at 8:30 a.m. Keynote speech, “Scholarship in Higher Education: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly,” Thomas Buchanan ’74, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

**Panel Discussion:** “Got Green? Sustainable Energy for a Changing World,” by Brice Smith, physics, and Arthur Weaver, Renewus Energy, Bowers Hall, Room 109, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 19**
**Sandwich Seminar:** “Azerbaijan Today: An Old Nation in the Period of Post-Soviet Independence,” Jala Garibova, Azerbaijan University of Languages, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

**Speaker:** “An Oral History of Japanese Baseball,” Rob Fitts, Japanese baseball historian, Studio West, Room 101, 2:30 p.m.

**Documentary:** “An Inconvenient Truth,” Old Main Brown Auditorium, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 21**
**Honors Convocation:** Park Center Alumni Arena, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22**
**Haudenosaunee Singers and Dancers:** Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 2 p.m.

**Concert:** “Broadway Rocks: This Is Not Your Grandfather’s Broadway,” by the Cortland College Singers, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 24**
**$ Conference:** “Scholars’ Day for Foreign Language Teachers” for middle and high school teachers, Corey Union, 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Pre-register by Wednesday, April 18.

**Sandwich Seminar:** “Strengthened-based Campus Assessment — Using SUNY-wide Rubrics to Assess General Education Student Learning Outcomes,” Joy Hendrick, exercise science and sport studies, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

**Fundamentally Speaking Series Lecture:** “An Evening with Russell Banks,” author of *The Sweet Hereafter*, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 25**
**Conference:** “Math: A Paradigm Shift for Conceptual Understanding,” Corey Union, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Sandwich Seminar:** “Collaborative Writing Projects,” Ellen Hill and Linda Rosekrans, English, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** “Finding ‘The Lost’: Some Problems (and Pleasures) in Writing One Family’s Holocaust Story,” Daniel Mendelsohn, author, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 26**
**Sandwich Seminar:** “Renewable Energy in New York and Beyond” Brice Smith, physics, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

**Sport Management Awards Ceremony:** Keynote speaker is Mike Veeck, president and part owner of six minor league baseball teams and the author of *Fun Is Good*, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 6 p.m.