Denise Knight Named SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor

Denise D. Knight, a member of the English Department faculty for the past 16 years, has been awarded the title of distinguished teaching professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees at its May 25 meeting in Albany.

The recipient of a 2002 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching and that same year an inaugural SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, Knight becomes the 29th SUNY Cortland faculty member to be honored with a distinguished professor title since SUNY began awarding the recognition in 1973.

The distinguished teaching professor, a rank above that of full professor, is conferred for outstanding teaching at the graduate, undergraduate or professional levels. Teaching mastery is to be consistently demonstrated over multiple years.

“The most fundamental belief that I bring to the classroom is the conviction about the benefits of interactive learning,” Knight explained, in describing her teaching philosophy. “I think it’s important for a dialogue to occur between the instructor and the students and that students need to be held accountable, at least in part, for the success of their learning experience. I work hard to make students understand that they are not empty vessels into which I will simply pour information; rather, I encourage them to see that they need to become active participants in the acquisition and application of knowledge.”

Summer Theatre Returns to SUNY Cortland

The Performing Arts Department will present the musical farce “Lucky Stiff” on June 22-24 in the Dowd Fine Arts Center Lab Theatre. It is the first summer production on campus in eight years.

The musical is about a staid Englishman, Harry Witherspoon, played by Brian Franco, who stands to inherit a fortune if he takes his deceased, stuffed Uncle Anthony, played by Andrew Gordon, on a vacation to Monte Carlo. But Anthony’s former mistress, Rita, played by Nicole Hobart, is also after the money, as is the nerdy animal activist Annabel Glick, played by Anita Pena, who wants the money for her Brooklyn home for stray dogs.

Also thrown into the chaos is Rita’s nervous brother Vinnie, actor Joshua Williams, who has a contract out on his life, and the mysterious guide Luigi Gaudi, played by Stephen Calkins, who knows more than he’s telling. Rounding out the cast are Barbara Jo Williams, Raylynn Jones, Jeff Van Damme and Gabrielle White who play various other characters caught up in the farce.

“Lucky Stiff” is by authors/songwriters Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty who wrote such notable musicals as “Ragtime,” “Once on This Island” and “Suessical.” The score is a tuneful romp in the style of musical comedies of the Golden Age. The musical was first produced Off Broadway in 1988 and since has seen dozens of productions across the country. The SUNY Cortland production, co-directed by Susie Carr and Joshua Williams with musical direction by Jeff Van Damme, is the musical’s local premiere.

Performances for “Lucky Stiff” are at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. Tickets are $12 for the general public, $10 for senior citizens and SUNY staff, and $7 for all students, and will be on sale at the door only. The musical is appropriate for all family members.

For more information, contact Joshua Williams at musicmonster3@yahoo.com.

“In addition to interactive learning, Knight uses numerous other techniques in the classroom, including short lectures to introduce a topic or provide additional background for a specific text,” observed the SUNY Cortland nominating committee in its statement to the SUNY trustees supporting Knight’s promotion. “She also makes use of modeling for analytic techniques or to demonstrate how a task might be approached. Knight incorporates her own scholarly activities as fodder for demonstration or as an example of how a particular theoretical approach is used. She moves seamlessly back and forth between techniques even within one class period, depending on the needs of the students.”

A faculty member at SUNY Cortland since 1990, Knight has taught 16 different courses, ranging from freshman composition to graduate-level courses on 19th century American literature. Her students describe her classes as “engaging and stimulating,” “amazing” and “exhilarating” and describe her as “motivating,” “passionate,” and “a credit to her profession.”

In the last five years alone, Knight has supervised 25 students pursuing their master’s theses and has encouraged four Master of Arts in English students to submit their work for publication in American literary journals.

She was the 2002 recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award from the SUNY Cortland chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society.

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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 unit offices 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. Information and application forms are available by contacting 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 2006, Fall 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.

Cortland College Foundation Hires Jessica Moquin

Jessica Moquin of Earlville, N.Y., has joined SUNY Cortland as associate director of The Cortland Fund.

Moquin, who has worked for the Cortland College Foundation within the College’s Division of Institutional Advancement since March 13, has key responsibility in the College’s telemarketing and direct mail fundraising operations. She is in charge of the operation and daily management of the department’s call center activities, including the management of approximately 30 student callers.

She assists Jennifer Janes, director of The Cortland Fund, with direct mail, online, electronic solicitation and stewardship activities.

“Jessica is a true asset to our student calling center as she focuses on building the program to reach new levels,” Janes said. “We look forward to having her develop a successful program that will allow us to reach out to more alumni and raise more dollars that will benefit our students and the mission of SUNY Cortland. Jessica will also use her past experience to focus on engaging young alumni and students with The Cortland Fund and the College as a whole.”

From 2000 until her recent appointment, Moquin coordinated alumni affairs for SUNY Morrisville, which has more than 40,000 alumni worldwide. Her focus there was on cultivating relationships between alumni volunteers and the institution. A primary duty was supervising the alumni phonathon process, in which student callers updated alumni records and sought institutional support. She developed and implemented improved campaign procedures that led to a 22 percent increase in funding for the Morrisville College Foundation. She also worked to develop individual and class gifts.

Moquin graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. from SUNY Potsdam’s Crane School of Music in 1999. She received an M.S., with distinction, in instructional technology and media management with a concentration in training and development from SUNY Potsdam’s School of Education in 2001.

She was assistant to the executive director of the Orchestra of Northern New York in Potsdam during Fall 1999, having served as a student intern the previous semester. She took part in the Walt Disney World College Program in Orlando, Fla., as an intern and advanced intern for EPCOT guest relations, and finally as a SUNY Potsdam campus representative. As a student, she was involved in the Roxbury (N.Y.) Arts Group; the St. Lawrence University Upward Bound, Canton, N.Y.; the Department of Modern Languages Language Lab and Resource Center; and Campus Life.

As a graduate student, she served as a student intern in the President’s Office and with the Crane School of Music. She also worked with the Community Performance Series in Potsdam, N.Y., as the E.J. Noble arts administration resident.

Moquin obtained additional special training in accounting for government and nonprofit entities from Clarkson University, in grant writing from Merwin Rural Services Institute, and grant writing and federal sponsors from the Office of Federal Programming.

She has received several honors, including a Performance Award in Educational Fundraising from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The SUNY Council for University Affairs and Development presented her with a Charlton Newcomer Award. The National Educational Alumni Trust honored her with a Professional Development Scholarship.

She is married to Christian Vischi. She and her husband are active volunteers with the Earlville Opera House and they serve as members of the Earlville-Poolville United Methodist Churches.

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Psychology Department Member William Hopkins to Retire After 36 Years

William M. Hopkins, a member of the College's Psychology Department for 36 years, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. He has been awarded the designation of professor emeritus of psychology.

Hopkins' professional focus in the community has been with adults with developmental disabilities. He also worked extensively with schools in central New York, helping teachers with student motivation, curriculum change, creativity and the application of brain-based learning.

A native of New York City, Hopkins earned his bachelor's degree at San Jose State College. He earned his master's and doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Hopkins began his professional career as a substitute teacher with the Los Angeles City School District. He then worked at the Union High School District in La Puente, Calif., where he developed one of the first programs in California to have students with emotional problems and learning disabilities taught in a public high school rather than an institution.

In 1970, Hopkins joined the faculty at SUNY Cortland as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1975 and to professor in 1986.

While at SUNY Cortland, Hopkins worked with his colleagues to develop several new courses, including Behavior Modification, Critical Thinking and College Success. At SUNY Cortland, Hopkins helped develop and coordinate the Freshman Year Experience, a program that facilitated the transition from high school to college for incoming students in the early 1980s. He was a founding member and chair of the Task Force for Teaching and Learning, which offers workshops and seminars for faculty and staff at the College. He developed a mentoring program for incoming students and a student internship program at the Cortland Memorial Hospital Nursing Facility.

In 1975, Hopkins received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He won the Outstanding Faculty Member Award, presented by the College's Student Government Association, in 1998 and the Outstanding Faculty Award, presented by the Educational Opportunity Program, in 1989.

Hopkins maintained a private practice in family and child counseling and also worked as a therapist at St. Joseph’s Hospital Psychiatric Center for Children in Syracuse. He served as a consultant to several agencies in the region, including the Alcoholic Recovery Project in Ithaca, Cortland County Head Start, Cortland County Department of Social Services and the Broome-Tioga ARC.

A popular speaker, Hopkins gave more than 350 presentations on educational psychology and learning theory at school districts, colleges and conferences throughout the country. He presented workshops on creative thinking and stress prevention for numerous state agencies, including prisons, developmental centers and the New York State court system. He has also been a textbook reviewer for several publishers, including Wiley, West, Prentice Hall and Houghton Mifflin.

English Professor Del Janik Will Retire Aug. 31

Del Ivan Janik, an English professor at SUNY Cortland since 1971, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. He has been awarded the designation of professor emeritus of English.


During his tenure at SUNY Cortland, Janik chaired the English Department for 13 years and coordinated the study abroad programs in England and Ireland for 11 years. He spent the 1983-84 academic year teaching at the University of North London (now London Metropolitan University) as a Fulbright Exchange Lecturer.

A native of Berwyn, Ill., Janik attended the J. Sterling Morton High School there. He earned a B.A. in English at Northwestern University and an M.A. in English at the University of Michigan. He was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow while completing his Ph.D. in English at Northwestern.

Janik began his academic career as an assistant professor of English at SUNY Cortland in 1971. He was promoted to associate professor in 1975 and to professor in 1980. Janik served on numerous college committees, including the College Writing Committee and the Honors Convocation Committee. He was chair of the Study Abroad Committee from 1991-2005.

Active in the faculty union, Janik served as president of the Cortland Chapter of United University Professions from 1997-99. He has been an academic delegate to the union since 1987 and served locally as grievance chair.


Janik presented papers at conferences throughout the region, including the New York State English Council, the Mid-Hudson Modern Language Association, the Northeast Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature and the Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture Conference. He was an invited speaker at the International Colloquium on the Humanities and Ecological Consciousness at the University of Denver in 1980.

After retiring, Janik will live in Stony Brook with his wife, Vicki. He plans to catch up on some reading, learn Czech, and teach both literature and writing part-time at area colleges.
Sixteen SUNY Cortland Students Win Study Abroad Scholarships

SUNY Cortland has awarded $12,100 in scholarships to 16 students to help offset the cost of their studies abroad this summer and fall.

The students won the scholarships, ranging from $400 to $1,500, based on several criteria, including their academic achievement. They will study overseas for one semester in Australia, Ireland, Belize, Ecuador or China.

SUNY Cortland offers three scholarships for study in a foreign country: the Overseas Academic Program Scholarship (OAP); the Uschald Scholarship, named for Willi A. Uschald, professor emeritus of foreign languages and director emeritus of international programs; and the Kevin A. Rowell '83 Award. Rowell is a SUNY Cortland graduate.

Among other criteria, students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.7 to qualify for one of the scholarships. The Uschald Scholarship is open only to U.S. citizens and is also based on demonstrated financial need. The Kevin A. Rowell '83 Scholarship is awarded to students involved in SUNY Cortland extracurricular activities.

### Library Hours

**Summer Session I**
- **Through June 28**
  - Monday-Thurs, 7:45 a.m.-11 p.m.
  - Friday, 7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Sunday, CLOSED
  - Wednesday, Jun 28, 7:45 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Inter-Summer Session**
- **Thursday, June 29—**
  - Friday, June 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - Saturday, July 1-5, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - Tuesday, July 4, Closed

**Summer Session II**
- **July 5-Aug 8**
  - Monday-Thurs, 7:45 a.m.-11 p.m.
  - Friday, 7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Sunday, Closed
  - Tuesday, Aug 8, 7:45 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

For the OAP and Uschald Scholarships, applicants receive $1,000 for a full semester abroad, $400 for three credits of study and $750 for six credits of study for the summer session. The standard award for the Rowell Scholarship is $1,500.

Recipients of the scholarships are:

**OAP Scholarships, Summer 2006:**
- Brian Tuilly, a junior sociology/anthropology major from South Setauket, N.Y., was awarded $400 for study in China.

**OAP Scholarships, Fall 2006:**
- Scott Grenier, a senior history major from Clinton, N.Y., was awarded $1,000 for study in Cork, Ireland.
- Wendy Tsang, a senior special education/childhood education major from Brooklyn, N.Y., was awarded $1,000 for student teaching at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia.
- Jamie Zeller, a senior physical education major from Fairport, N.Y., was awarded $1,000 for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

**Uschald Scholarships, Summer 2006:**
- Alisa DeBie, a senior physical education major from Burnt Hills, N.Y., was awarded $750 for study in Dublin, Ireland.
- Kristi Frey, a senior speech and language disabilities major from Rocky Point, N.Y., was awarded $750 for study in Dublin.

**Uschald Scholarships, Fall 2006:**
- Vanessa Andersen, a senior childhood/early childhood education major from Cortland, was awarded $1,000 for student teaching at the University of the Sunshine Coast.
- Blair Drake, a senior kinesiology/fitness development major from Freeville, N.Y., was awarded $1,000 for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast.
- Rebecca Quivey, a senior communication studies major from Schenectady, N.Y., was awarded $1,000 for study at the University of the Sunshine Coast.
- Michelle Searles, a senior human service studies major from Newfield, N.Y., was awarded $1,000 for an internship in Belize.

**Kevin A. Rowell '83 Award, Fall 2006**
- Brent Sears, a senior adolescence education: Spanish major from Homer, N.Y., was awarded $1,500 for study in Ecuador.

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

### Work of Local Artist on Display at Dowd Gallery

Paintings and sculptures by Ralf Jean-Baptiste, Cortland resident and a 1992 SUNY Cortland graduate in art, will be on display in the Dowd Fine Art Gallery through July 17.

His one-person show is titled “Beneath the Surface.”

A gallery talk and reception, catered by Auxiliary Services Corporation, are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13. All programs are free and open to the public.

With fragments of sentences, symbols, color and temporal materials, Jean-Baptiste documents daily life with his artwork. The exhibition includes 49 mixed media paintings on paper and 10 steel sculptures.

Summer gallery hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Director Barbara Racker at ext. 4216. This program is supported, in part, by Friends of the Art Gallery.
Counseling Center Receives Reaccreditation

The SUNY Cortland Counseling Center has been fully reaccredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. (IACS), an Alexandria, Va., based organization of U.S., Canadian and Australian counseling agencies.

The Counseling Center was evaluated by IACS against high standards of counseling practice and was found to offer competent and reliable professional services to its clientele.

Approval by IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance.

The Counseling Center, located in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-44, is directed by Richard Peagler and offers personal, vocational and educational counseling. It is a college counseling center serving both undergraduate and graduate students.

IACS was founded in 1972 to encourage and aid counseling agencies to meet high professional standards through peer evaluation and to inform the public about counseling services that are competent and reliable.

Cortland Well Represented at SUNY Conference

Seventeen teaching faculty and Information Resources staff attended the SUNY Conference on Instructional Technologies (CIT), held May 30–June 2 at SUNY Fredonia. CIT is an annual conference which showcases the use of instructional technologies on campuses.

SUNY Cortland faculty and staff served as facilitators at eight presentations. Seven papers were presented by Cortland faculty and staff as noted below:

“Working without a Net: The Implementation of Wireless Computers in a Learning Commons Environment,” was presented by Dan Harms, Lorraine Melita and Amanda Hollister, library.

“Reflections on the Implementation of a Course Web Site Maintained by Multiple Faculty Members,” was presented by Aaron Fried, biological sciences.

“Celebrating Diversity by Addressing a Multitude of Learning Styles in an Online Environment,” was presented by Sara Fuller and Christine Widdall, library.

“Online Survey Data Collection,” was discussed by Margaret Anderson, psychology, and May graduate Jillian DeLorme ’06.

“Using Dartfish Digital Video Analysis Software to Enhance Teaching, Learning, Coaching and Research,” was presented by Daniel DePerno, exercise science and sport studies.

“Computer Literacy — How Much is Too Much?” was discussed by Mark Connell, library.

“Collaborative Online Student Teacher Classroom: Supervisor, Student, Cooperating Teacher, & Professor,” was presented by Christine Widdall, library, and JoEllen Bailey, physical education.

Recreation and Parks Honor Society Announces Inductees

Eleven students were inducted into Rho Phi Lambda, the national honor society for parks, recreation and leisure services, at a ceremony held May 5.

To become a member as an undergraduate, students must have an overall GPA of 3.2 and substantial evidence of outstanding leadership and service. Graduate students must have a GPA of 3.5 and the same criteria for leadership and service.

The following students were inducted:

**Undergraduate**
- Jessica Anderson
- Joseph Carlson
- Jennifer Gilmartin
- David Hamilton
- Katherine Sclafani

**Graduate**
- Brandy Boden
- Patricia Cole
- Kristen Lamphear
- Lori Pilosi
- Anne Scharmborg
- Sarah Unruh

Faculty-Staff Activities

**Summer Musical Theatre Program for Youth to Begin**

The Performing Arts Department will present a new Musical Theatre Program for children and teens from July 24-Aug. 4 at the Dowd Fine Arts Center.

The program is divided into four sections. A pre-school program for children ages 3-4 years will be offered from 9:30-10:15 a.m. from July 31-Aug. 4 and includes an introduction to dance techniques and exercises to develop balance, coordination and confidence. Tuition is $47.

The primary program for children ages 5-6 will meet July 24-Aug. 4 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. and offer techniques in ballet and tap dancing. Tuition is $52.

An elementary program for students between the ages of 7-11 will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. on July 24-28 and focuses on the three types of theatre dance: ballet, jazz and tap. Tuition is $75.

The teen program is more extensive and includes classes in acting, voice and dance over a two-week period. The program is for those ages 12-19 and meets from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 24-Aug. 4. Tuition is $325.

A discount is available on all program prices if paid before June 15.

The instructors for the programs are Kevin Halpin and Cindy Halpin, performing arts, and pianist Marina Gorelaya.

For more information and registration forms, contact Kevin Halpin at ext. 4599 or by e-mail to halpink@cortland.edu or halpinc@cortland.edu.
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A prolific and internationally recognized scholar of 19th-century American literature, she is listed in 2000 Outstanding Scholars of the 21st Century by Melrose Press, Cambridgeshire, England. She received SUNY Cortland’s 2004 Outstanding Achievement in Research Award.

While at SUNY Cortland, Knight has been published extensively. She has served as editor or co-editor of 14 books; as author of 90 articles, essays, journal entries and published book reviews; and as presenter of dozens of scholarly papers in venues such as the American Literature Association Conference, the Modern Language Association Conference and the International Conference on Charlotte Perkins Gilman. One book, Nineteenth-Century American Woman Writers, earned the 1997 Outstanding Academic Book Award from Choice, and another, Writers of the American Renaissance, published in 2003, earned starred reviews from the American Library Association and from the Library Media Connection.

Knight was promoted to the rank of professor in 1997. She serves as assistant chair of the English Department and as graduate coordinator of the Master of Arts in English.

Before joining SUNY Cortland, Knight held teaching positions at SUNY Albany and Siena College. Born in the rural North Country village of Prospect, N.Y., she attended a two-room schoolhouse for part of her elementary education and graduated from Holland Patent (N.Y.) High School. Knight earned a certificate in Labor Studies from Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 1981. She graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Albany, where she also earned her master’s degree and doctorate in English.

She and her husband of 25 years, Michael K. Barylski, live in Cortlandville, N.Y.