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## Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies Will Be Held May 19

SUNY Cortland will conduct two undergraduate Commencement ceremonies — one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 2:30 p.m. — on Saturday, May 19, in the Park Center.

An estimated 1,328 seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees during Commencement exercises, which will be presided over by SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

Sylvia Earle, a National Women's Hall of Fame inductee who serves as explorer-in-residence for the National Geographic Society, will address the graduates at the morning ceremony. Robert Antin '72, chairman and CEO of VCA Antech, a national network of 360 freestanding veterinary facilities aimed at providing consistent brand name care, will address the graduates during the afternoon

ceremony. The State University of New York will bestow upon Antin an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree while Earle will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science degree during Commencement. Each ceremony begins with an academic procession. A prelude, processional and

recessional music will be provided by the Cortland Brass Ensemble.

President Bitterbaum will deliver the charge to graduates. U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer is tentatively scheduled to appear at either the morning or afternoon ceremony.

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## Graduate Student Commencement Set for May 18

The SUNY Cortland Commencement ceremony for students earning master's degrees and certificates of advanced study is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18, in the Park Center.

The College will award 270 master's degrees and 34 certificates of advanced study. After the ceremony, a reception for the graduates and their guests will take place in the Corey Gymnasium.

An academic procession will open the Commencement. Professor of Psychology Melvyn King, who chairs the Faculty Senate, will be the mace bearer.

Faculty members will carry the four multi-colored gonfalons representing the College, the School of Education, the School of Professional Studies, and the School of Arts and Sciences, respectively. The gonfaloniers are: Joseph Governali, health, and chair of the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee; Marley Barduhn, education; Raymond Goldberg, professional studies; and Jerome O'Callaghan, arts and sciences.

Edward Moore, performing arts, will provide the processional and recessional music. Anita Christine Peña, a junior musical theatre major from Madison, Wis., will sing the national anthem and the Alma Mater.

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## Distinguished Alumni to Be Honored on July 14

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award, to two graduates during the Alumni Reunion Weekend luncheon in Corey Union on Saturday, July 14.

The association will present the Distinguished Alumni Awards to Louis E. LaGrand '57, an international authority on after-death communication, and Christopher Leadbeater '67, executive director and head of the technology faculty at Newham College in England.

Since 1968, 103 SUNY Cortland graduates, including this year's honorees, have received the award for distinguishing themselves in their careers and for outstanding service to their community and their alma mater. In addition, 16 alumni have been recognized with Distinguished Young Alumni awards and six have been named Honorary Alumni.

LaGrand began his career as a college basketball coach but later decided to focus on

grief counseling and what he came to call the extraordinary experiences of the bereaved.

The author of eight books, LaGrand is one of the world's leading authorities on after-death communication and gives lectures and workshops on the subject in the United States, Canada and Europe. He also directs Loss Education Associates, an education and counseling service in Venice, Fla.

As a college administrator in England for nearly 25 years, Leadbeater has developed several initiatives aimed at serving disadvantaged students who might not have been able to complete their education.

To further the education of disadvantaged students, Leadbeater located volunteer groups and ethnic organizations in London to train the students so they would develop the skills to succeed at the university. Of its 30,000 students, Newham now has 7,000 who take courses through organizations franchised through the college.

*See the complete story online at [www.cortland.edu/news](http://www.cortland.edu/news).*

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## Students Create Veterans Club on Campus

With student organizations for English majors, film buffs and skiers, Andrew Graves, a cadet in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, thought it was time for SUNY Cortland to offer a club for veterans.

In March, Graves and three other students convinced the Student Government Association to approve the SUNY Cortland Veterans Club as a recognized organization on campus that will be eligible to receive funding. The group would serve the 102 veterans and the 22 National Guard members, reservists and cadets who attend the College.

While Graves and his cofounder, Michael Higgins, are both ROTC cadets, the club is not related to ROTC. SUNY Cortland does not have a branch of ROTC on campus, but students at the College can enroll in the program and take military science classes at Cornell University.

## Fall Opening Meeting Set

President Erik J. Bitterbaum has announced that the Opening Meeting of the Fall 2007 semester is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 23. The meeting will begin with light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Detailed information including an agenda and response form will be sent via e-mail by July 23.

All classified, UUP and M/C campus community members are invited to attend. For more information, refer to the e-mail or call the President's Office at ext. 2201.



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The first issue of *Summer Bulletin* will be published Monday, May 21. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

All articles must be typewritten. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to [bulletin@cortland.edu](mailto:bulletin@cortland.edu).

"We serve the same purpose as a V.F.W. — a gathering place for veterans and service members," said Graves, a senior history major from Stittville, N.Y. "It's kind of like a uniting action for veterans."

The idea for the veterans club came from one of Graves' instructors at Cornell, Maj. Richard Brown '90, an assistant professor of military science. He said there has been an increase in the number of veterans on college campuses since 2001, when more young people decided to join the military and then enrolled in college after completing their service.

"One common thread for all those people who come from diverse backgrounds is they've been in the military," Brown said. "But they're not linked together. A club would do that."

Since both Cornell and Ithaca College already have veterans clubs, Brown suggested to the cadets he teaches from SUNY Cortland that they try to start a group on campus. The majority of SGA's members approved the club, despite opposition from a few students who felt the club would be recruiting members for ROTC.

"A lot of people didn't really understand the purpose of it," said Katie Boyes, SGA's president last year. "They thought it was ROTC coming back to campus. This was more for our veterans coming back."

SUNY Cortland had ROTC on campus until 1993, when it disbanded in the face of opposition from students and faculty over the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy. The five SUNY Cortland students who train with ROTC at Cornell nevertheless receive free tuition and books and a monthly stipend ranging from \$350 a month for freshmen to \$500 for seniors. After graduating, cadets must serve four years in the military, either in active duty, the reserves or the National Guard.

One of the projects the veterans club will work on next fall is organizing care packages to soldiers overseas. The club, which now has a core group of six members, may also sponsor guest speakers and work on fundraising events with local V.F.W. chapters, said Higgins, a senior exercise science major from Waterloo, N.Y.

"All of us in ROTC will be veterans someday," Higgins said. "It will be kind of nice when we're veterans to see people come up to us and thank us for our help and what we've done for them."

## 2007 Commencement Ceremonies Rehearsal Schedules Announced Graduate

Rehearsal for the graduate Commencement will be held in Park Center on Friday, May 18, as follows:

### Student Line Marshals, Hooders

Park Center Alumni Arena, 12:30 p.m.

### Faculty Line Marshals

Park Center Alumni Arena, 12:30 p.m.

### At-Large Marshals

Park Center Alumni Arena, 12:30 p.m.

### Gonfaloniers

Park Center Alumni Arena, 1:30 p.m.

### Platform Party and Mace Bearer

Park Center Alumni Arena, 1:30 p.m.

### Singers, Music

Park Center Alumni Arena, 3 p.m.

## Undergraduate

The following undergraduate Commencement rehearsals will be held on Friday, May 18, in Park Center:

### Student Line Marshals

Park Center Corey Gymnasium, 8:30 a.m.

### Faculty Line Marshals

Park Center Alumni Arena, 9:30 a.m.

### Floor Marshals, University Police Department

Park Center Alumni Arena, 9:30 a.m.

### Gonfaloniers

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

### Readers

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

### Platform Party and Mace Bearers

Park Center Alumni Arena, 10:30 a.m.

### Singers, Music

Park Center Alumni Arena, 3 p.m.

## Summer Bulletin 2007 Schedule

### Issue Date

- #1 Monday, May 21
- #2 Monday, June 11
- #3 Monday, July 2
- #4 Monday, July 23

### Deadline

- Tuesday, May 15
- Tuesday, June 5
- Tuesday, June 26
- Tuesday, July 17

## Denise Knight Wins National Endowment Stipend To Finish Book on Author Charlotte Perkins Gilman

The letters written by Charlotte Perkins Gilman offer a revealing look into the mind of this American feminist author who lived from 1860-1935, but contemporary scholars desiring to read most of them must visit geographically scattered libraries and private collections.

This summer Denise D. Knight, English, will simplify the lives of Gilman's literary enthusiasts by finishing a forthcoming edited collection of letters with co-editor Jennifer Tuttle, titled *The Selected Letters of Charlotte Perkins Gilman*.

To help her complete the task that for the first time makes the last unpublished area of Gilman's writings — her personal letters — accessible to knowledge-seekers, Knight was recently awarded a competitive National Endowment for The Humanities Summer Fellowship for senior scholars conducting research significant to the humanities.

For two months starting July 1, the summer stipend will support her as she drafts

the chapter introductions, finishes writing hundreds of endnotes, and finalizes the manuscript for submission this coming fall to the publisher, the University of Alabama Press.

"The volume of letters will provide additional insight into Gilman's views on a host of issues: economics, social matters, child-rearing, feminism, historical events and even death," said Knight, who is among the world's leading experts on Gilman's life and works. "It will also reveal valuable information about her relationships with, and influence on, many important historical figures of her time. Equally important, publication of her letters will offer readers a sometimes-intimate glimpse of the private woman behind the public persona."

The correspondence also reveals much about the public figures with whom Gilman corresponded, including Jane Addams, Susan B. Anthony, William Dean Howells, Lester F. Ward, George Bernard Shaw, Edward Bellamy and Carrie Chapman Catt.

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## Sharon Steadman Honored for Research and Scholarship

The Research Foundation of SUNY honored Sharon R. Steadman, sociology/anthropology, among 30 of its most important and innovative scholars and scientists.

Steadman received a SUNY Research Foundation Research and Scholarship Award during the foundation's annual dinner honoring research and scholarship on May 2 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, N.Y.

Steadman is the seventh SUNY Cortland faculty member to be honored since the award was inaugurated in 2003.

The award recipients represent 19 SUNY campuses, including doctoral granting institutions, university colleges and technology colleges, and are members of a university system that generated \$888 million in fiscal 2006 for more than 9,800 projects funded by more than 2,400 sponsors. The faculty were noted for their accomplishments in varied fields including anthropology, education, history, environment studies, chemistry, music, medicine and engineering.

"The work that the honorees do is a fundamental part of what makes the SUNY

System great, and it's a vital part of what will make SUNY exceptional in the coming decades," said SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan. "As a result of their work and that of their colleagues, research milestones continue to be met and exceeded at SUNY campuses across New York State."

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.

Steadman, a faculty member in the Sociology/Anthropology Department since 1998, is a specialist in the Chalcolithic Period, a culture that dates back to 5200 B.C.

She coordinates the International Studies Program and directs The Rozanne M. Brooks Museum, an ethnographic teaching museum on campus.

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## Faculty and Staff will Travel to China May 31

SUNY Cortland will continue to expand its international mission on May 31, when 15 faculty and staff members from across the disciplines embark on a two-week study trip to China.

"The Summer 2007 Faculty Exchange to China builds upon SUNY Cortland's long-standing partnership with Capital Normal University in Beijing," said President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

"Since 1981, our institutions have engaged in a number of collaborative efforts, including student and faculty scholar exchanges," he said. "The program will enable faculty from many disciplines to learn more about Chinese culture and to incorporate what they have learned into their own classrooms. I also look forward to strengthening our current initiatives as well as to exploring new opportunities with Capital Normal University."

The trip is geared for travelers who are new to Chinese language, culture and politics. Prior to departure, participants will engage in an orientation program featuring discussions of practical travel issues, cultural differences, etiquette and essential Chinese words.

The faculty and staff participants are: Victoria Boynton, English; Chris Cirimo, geology; Ralph Dudgeon, performing arts; Janet Duncan, foundations and social advocacy; David Hollenback, communication studies; Valerie Jones, field placement; Samuel Kelley, communications studies; Doug Langhans, admissions; Yomee Lee, kinesiology; Craig Little, sociology/anthropology; Kathryn Russell, philosophy; William Skipper, sociology/anthropology; and Gail Tooker, childhood/early childhood education.

"This is the first time a large group of SUNY Cortland faculty and staff that represent many disciplines will visit China to conduct academic exchanges and study tours," said Luo Xu, history. Xu will lead the study trip with assistance from fellow Chinese native Hongli Fan, international communications and culture.

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## Faculty Senate Requests Creating Griffen Scholarship

The Faculty Senate unanimously endorsed a motion that requests the Division of Institutional Advancement to launch a fundraising campaign by Dec. 31 to create a Bill Griffen Scholarship.

Senator Karla Alwes, English, presented the motion at the May 1 Faculty Senate meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Griffen, foundations and social advocacy emeritus, died last year after having served SUNY longer than any other tenured faculty member in its history.

The resolution cited that Griffen “was beloved and admired by SUNY Cortland faculty, staff and students” and that his colleagues have engaged in discussion as to how best honor his memory.

Criteria for the scholarship should be decided upon in conjunction with the Griffen family, noted the resolution, which will be forwarded to President Erik J. Bitterbaum for his consideration.

## College Forges Closer Ties with Syracuse District; Reserves Urban Teaching Scholarships for Graduates

SUNY Cortland plans to award future four-year scholarships to selected Syracuse City School District graduates who want to become teachers and who successfully complete a mentoring program in which college students serve as tutors.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell attended a parent-student meeting at the district’s Nottingham High School on March 20 to announce the new incentive the College will offer for city students to pursue a college education.

The scholarships will be offered to students who have successfully completed the district’s four-year-old Advancement Via Individual Determination: Pathway to College Enrollment and Success (AVID) program, modeled on a national program that places ‘C’ average students in college Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

“This is an example of building sustainable partnerships,” observed Michael Robbins, who directs the Syracuse City School District’s AVID program. “This has kind of blossomed out of one little meeting we had two years ago. It has been tremendous for us.”

In the past two years, SUNY Cortland has sent about 185 of its secondary education-track students to Syracuse to tutor middle

## SUNY Cortland Student Wins Award for Understanding Multicultural and Gender Issues

When Momodou Sey arrived at SUNY Cortland from The Gambia in Western Africa last spring, he wanted to find a way for students to learn about the cultures that he and other international students bring to the College.

Three months later, Sey and a friend from Mali founded a Model United Nations Club on campus to provide a forum for students to discuss international issues and to raise money for charitable projects around the world. This March, the group was one of four Model U.N. clubs to receive a scholarship to attend the National Model U.N. Conference in New York City on March 20-26.

Sey, a sophomore majoring in business economics and political science, was honored for his work in developing the Model U.N. Club when he received an Excellence in Understanding Multicultural and Gender Issues Award at the Honors Convocation on April 21. The award recognizes students who have displayed insight about issues of

prejudice and discrimination and have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

“Sey has brought a great dynamism and a substantial serious commitment to internationalizing our student programming and student organizations here at SUNY Cortland,” said Model U.N. Club Faculty Advisor Adrian P. Hull, political science. “He’s really been motivating other members of the club and he’s really had a significant vision for the group.”

Sey was one of nine SUNY Cortland students who attended the National Model U.N. Conference. More than 3,500 students from 40 countries debated issues ranging from the impact of climate change on water resources to the protection of migrant workers’ rights.

“It was basically like a mini-United Nations,” said Sey. “We did everything that the United Nations does, with all the different sections of the United Nations. It was a simulation of the United Nations.”

SUNY Cortland received a \$500 scholarship from the National Model United Nations to send its delegation to the conference. The students’ remaining expenses were covered by contributions from the President’s Office and Offices of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs and Finance and Management.

During a special one-credit course taught by Hull this semester, the students who attended the conference learned about the United Nations and researched the United Arab Emirates, the country the SUNY Cortland delegation was assigned to represent at the Model U.N. Conference.

This year, the Model U.N. Club at the College also raised about \$500 selling t-shirts to donate to the United Nation’s Children’s Fund to help victims in Darfur, a region in Sudan where at least 200,000 people have been killed and more than two million have fled their homes since civil war broke out in 2003. Information about the Darfur issue was printed on the t-shirts, which sold for \$10.

After graduating, Sey plans to return to The Gambia and work on economic development in government.

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## College Council Renames Brauer Field Station; Makes Changes to the *Code of Student Conduct*

The College Council approved several modifications to the College's *Code of Student Conduct*, and the changing of the name of the Brauer Field Station to the Brauer Education Center during its April 27 meeting in the Miller Building.

Formerly known as the Robert C. Brauer Memorial Field Research Station, the 33-acre tract of land south of Albany was donated in 1974 to SUNY Cortland by Everton and Elsie Brauer in honor of their son, a SUNY Cortland junior geology major who died in a 1968 zinc mining accident in New Jersey.

The Brauer Advisory Committee recently suggested the name change to the Robert C. Brauer Memorial Education Center, with an accepted shortened version of Brauer Education Center, as a means of increasing the use and visibility of the site.

"The focus of the Center has broadened beyond a geological field station to encompass other educational groups and programs," wrote the committee. Its members are:

Doug DeRancy, alumni affairs; John Fauth, geology, and his wife Barb; Gayle Gleason, geology; Jack Sheltmire and Rhonda Jacobs, Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education; and Mark Prus, arts and sciences.

Meanwhile, Nan Pasquarello, judicial affairs, proposed several modifications to the *Code of Student Conduct* that were unanimously approved by the College Council.

"We have not updated our Electronic Use Policy in several years," noted Pasquarello, who suggested edits that were predicated on the advent of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the prevalence of online social networking sites.

Changes were also made to the description of hazing, based on the input of national experts, to reflect that hazing can occur regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

Residence hall policies were modified, based on Pasquarello's suggestions, to specifically cite "beer pong" and possessing alcohol during "dry campus" as violations of residence hall rules.

An obsolete *Code* provision was removed regarding students violating federal, state or

local laws. The *Code* already has procedures in place for those instances. Another change in the *Code's* wording was made to more accurately reflect the current staffing of the Judicial Affairs Office.

Lastly, changes were made to allow the vice president for student affairs to designate another College official or faculty member to hear an appeal on his/her behalf when the vice president is unavailable or perceives there is a conflict of interest.

## Assessment Workshops Scheduled for Summer 2007

The College Assessment Committee announces the following assessment workshops scheduled for this summer to assist the campus community with its assessment efforts.

All workshops will be delivered by Merle Canfield, institutional research and assessment. Workshops will last two-three hours and will be held in the Faculty Training Center in Memorial Library.

Questions regarding any of these workshops can be directed to Merle Canfield, Institutional Research and Assessment Office, Miller Building, Room 404, at ext. 5565 or via e-mail at canfieldm@cortland.edu.

Brochures will be distributed to campus offices by mid-May. To make reservations for any or all of these workshops, contact Kathy Gustafson at ext. 5565 or via e-mail at gustafsonk@cortland.edu.

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

- Monday, June 4, 1-3 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 6, 1-3 p.m.

This workshop is designed for department chairs, support and service unit directors and program coordinators.

The workshop will inform participants about and to teach them how to access the wealth of student information that is available on the database, including 10 years of historical information such as ethnicity, gender, major, GPA, graduation and retention. Participants will learn how to access this information online and put the results in Excel for further refinement.

## French Honor Society Inductees Named

On May 2, two French majors were inducted into the national French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi. In a ceremony at the Community Restaurant in downtown Cortland, Hélène Gonzalez and Jason Willms were welcomed into the society.

Willms will study abroad in Chicoutimi, Québec, during the summer before resuming his studies in the fall. Gonzalez will continue her studies in the fall and will soon begin student teaching.

### Basic Survey Development and Analysis

- Monday, June 11, 1-4 p.m.

This introductory workshop is designed for support and service unit directors, department chairs and program directors.

The workshop will cover survey instrument creation (including what to ask and how to create the items), sampling procedures and reliability issues. Analyzing and reporting data collected by surveys also will be covered.

### Assessment Web Page Development

- Monday, June 25, 1-3 p.m.

This workshop is designed primarily for support and service unit directors, however department chairs, program coordinators and graduate program coordinators may also be interested.

The workshop will offer an overview of how to develop assessment Web pages, which can be used to demonstrate assessment activities. Utilizing software for creating voice-overlays will be included.

### Creating an Online Survey Using SurveySelect

- Wednesday, June 27, 1-3 p.m.
- A July date to be determined

This workshop is designed for support and service unit directors, department chairs and program coordinators.

It will cover basic online survey development using SurveySelect software. Current users of this software will share what they have constructed and how they use it. This survey is user-friendly and easy to learn. Participants will be able to create their own online survey upon completion of the workshop.



## SUNY Cortland Professors Launch Online Journals

With the pressure to publish and rejection rates of more than 70 percent at many academic journals, SUNY Cortland professors are turning to online publishing.

After assembling an editorial staff of SUNY Cortland faculty and an advisory board of scholars from across the country, Mark P. Worrell, sociology/anthropology, plans to launch his own online journal, *The New York Journal of Sociology*, next January. Specializing in research across the social sciences, the journal will be published annually at [www.newyorksociology.org](http://www.newyorksociology.org).

"The electronic journal allows people to pursue new kinds of data that would not be possible with a print journal," said Worrell, who will serve as the journal's general editor. "We can handle translations, fragments, audio and video material – you name it. We can handle any conventional or nonconventional data."

Within the next year, SUNY Cortland professors will be publishing three electronic scholarly journals: *The New York Journal of Sociology*; *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies*, which started in 2004; and *Disabilities Studies and Special Education*, a new publication that will enter cyberspace next fall.

While print journals have been edited by SUNY Cortland faculty for many years, electronic journals are a newer venture to emerge on campus as the world of academic publishing has moved online. Professors involved in electronic journals say they have minimal startup costs, are easier to produce and can reach a wider audience than their print counterparts.

"Electronic journaling is very much cutting edge," said Mechthild Nagel, philosophy, who is editor-in-chief of *Wagadu*. "I think it's very exciting to see SUNY Cortland get a reputation as a college that takes research very seriously and that has moved into the new media."

As more print journals transition to online formats, academics are no longer concerned that publishing in a print publication is more prestigious, said Herbert H. Haines, sociology/anthropology. Nevertheless, Haines admits he is from the "old school" and still has shelves of print journals in his office, many of which have published his research.

"I think more and more the established print journals are beginning to move in the direction of online journals, so that's not an issue anymore," said Haines, who will serve as an associate editor of *The New York Journal of Sociology*. "It's an inescapable trend I'm sure."

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## Two Musicals to Be Staged This Summer at Dowd

Two original musical plays will be given workshop performances this summer in the Dowd Fine Arts Center under the sponsorship of the Performing Arts Department.

A stage version of the animated film musical "Anastasia" will be presented in the Lab Theatre from June 14-17. In addition to the songs written for the film, there will be additional numbers composed by Brian Franco, a Cortland High School graduate and student from SUNY Potsdam.

For more information, contact the co-director Joshua Williams at [musicmonster3@yahoo.com](mailto:musicmonster3@yahoo.com).

On June 30 and July 1, the new musical "Sunfish" will be produced in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre. This musical has already won the Jonathan Larson Award and is being tested in Cortland for a New York production.

Additional information about the project is available at [www.sunfishthemusical.com](http://www.sunfishthemusical.com) or by contacting the director Kevin Halpin, performing arts, at [halpink@cortland.edu](mailto:halpink@cortland.edu).

Both productions will be given public performances and tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

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During the morning ceremony, Donald Wright, history, will carry the mace. Four multi-colored gonfalons, representing the All College, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Professional Studies, will be carried, respectively, by Nancy Sternfeld, student health service; William Hopkins, psychology emeritus; Mary Ware, foundations and social advocacy; and Benjamin Wodi, health.

Senior musical theatre major Jessica McAnaney of Tully, N.Y., will sing the national anthem and senior musical theatre major Joshua Kaufman of Southampton, N.Y., will sing the Alma Mater.

Henry Steck, political science, will carry the mace during the afternoon Commencement. The gonfaloniers will be: Jerry Casciani, physical education; Allen Mooney, art and art history emeritus; Ellen Jampole, literacy; and Kathleen Howarth, physical education.

The national anthem will be sung by senior musical theatre major Richard Baker

of Canandaigua, N.Y., and the Alma Mater will be sung by senior musical theatre major Amanda Liter of Suffern, N.Y.

President Bitterbaum will welcome the graduates at both ceremonies. Elizabeth Davis-Russell, academic affairs, will recognize the honors graduates. Student Government Association President Kaitlyn Boyes, a junior sport management major from Tonawanda, N.Y., will deliver remarks. Joining President Bitterbaum in conferring the degrees will be Mark Prus, arts and sciences; Ed Caffarella, education; and Roy H. Olsson Jr., professional studies.

A total of 89 students are scheduled to graduate summa cum laude — the highest academic honor — with grade point averages of 3.75 and above on a scale of 4.00.

Gordon Valentine '68, Alumni Association president, will officially welcome the graduates into the ranks of the College's 57,000 alumni.

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

Under a tradition inaugurated at the 2004 ceremony by President Bitterbaum, undergraduates may honor a special person who has helped achieve their academic pursuit or goals. The respective name will be read along with each graduate.

Graduating seniors wishing to acknowledge their multicultural heritage will also participate in a Kente Graduation Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18, in the Corey Union Function Room. The traditional, woven multicolored kente cloth of Ghana, originally worn by royalty, has become an important symbol for African Americans to highlight their connection to the African continent.

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## Faculty-Staff Activities

**Judy Bentley** and **Janet Duncan**, foundations and social advocacy, presented, "Go Big or Stay Home," a campus-wide effort to create an institute for Disability Studies at the seventh annual Second City Disability Studies in Education Conference held recently in Chicago, Ill. The presentation focused on the efforts of numerous faculty, students and staff on campus related to disability issues. Additionally, Bentley discussed the new e-journal *Social Advocacy and Systems Change*, which is sponsored by the Institute for Disability Studies and edited by Bentley. The journal presents original work informed by social justice perspectives including peer reviewed research studies, media reviews and commentaries from children and adults. The first issue will be launched in spring 2008.

**Pete Ducey**, biological sciences, and student co-authors **Matthew McCormick** '06 and **Elizabeth Davidson** '06 have been informed that their manuscript "Natural history of *Bipalium* cf. *vagum* Jones and Sterrer, 2005 (Platyhelminthes: Tricladida), a terrestrial broadhead planarian new to North America" will appear this summer in *The Southeastern Naturalist*. This paper documents the discovery of a predatory flatworm species that has recently invaded the southeastern United States and describes experimental evidence concerning its ecological interactions with native fauna. This is the latest in a series of papers and presentations by Ducey and his students concerning the ecology and evolution of invasive soil planarians. As part of the project last year, Ducey and undergraduate **Heather Golightly** '06 co-authored a presentation "Reproductive strategies of the invasive planarians *Bipalium adventitium* and *B. kewense* in North America," that was given at the International Symposium on Flatworm Biology in Innsbruck, Austria. Ducey is also co-author of the new book, *Amphibians and Reptiles of New York State: Identification, Natural History and Conservation*, from Oxford University Press. It was written with co-authors James Gibbs, Alvin Breisch, Glenn Johnson and John Behler. The book reports new information on the distributions, ecology and conservation of New York's frogs, toads, salamanders, newts, turtles, lizards and snakes.

**Jean LeLoup** and **Robert Ponterio**, international communications and culture, along with Willard Heller from Perry School District, presented a pre-conference workshop, "Getting at Cultural Perspectives," at the annual meeting of the Northeast Conference on Foreign Language Teaching held April 12 in New York City.

**Emmanuel Nelson**, English, was appointed to the five-member Advisory Board for the multi-volume *Encyclopedia of Asian American Literature* that is being edited by Guiyou Huang of St. Thomas University. The work is slated for publication by Greenwood Press in 2008.

**Joel Shatzky**, English emeritus, recently presented a paper on "Meyer Liben: Secular Talmudist" at the Jewish American Literature Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. His essay "The Miseducation of America," will be published in the May/June issue of *Jewish Currents*. His play, "Amahlia," is presently running at the 13th Street Repertory Company in Manhattan while another of his plays, "Orphans," will be playing in May at Impact Theater in Brooklyn. Two more of his plays, "Atonement" and "Girls of Summer," are planned for production at Impact this summer.

**John Shedd**, history, recently learned that his manuscript, "Bringing Ordinary People into the Picture," has been accepted for publication by *The History Teacher*, an American Historical Association affiliated journal. This piece uses examples from early modern European history to explore ways to include the actions of everyday people into history lessons. Material for this type of lessons is abundant in recent social histories that have found ways to articulate the perspectives of people too often seen as unimportant either by applying new questions to familiar primary sources or by examining sources beyond the kinds typically put in state archives. This article also invites teachers to think about how to put together lessons that feature ordinary people without employing ideological or moralistic biases.

**Robert Spitzer**, political science, was a presenter at Idaho State University's April 26 conference on Presidential Power and the Challenge to Democracy. His talk at the conference was titled, "In Wartime, Who Has the Power?" Spitzer was one of five presenters invited from around the country to participate in the day-long conference.

**Mary Sugar**, performing arts, who is the new director of The College Singers, has played keyboards for five Broadway tours this year. They include "Beauty and the Beast," "Mamma Mia," "Sweet Charity" (with Molly Ringwald), "Annie" (with Conrad John Schuck) and "Monty Python's Spamlot." She also played for the College's production of "A Little Night Music." Sugar will perform May 18-19 with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra.

**Mark P. Worrell**, sociology/anthropology, recently had four articles accepted for publication. *Rethinking Marxism* will publish "Joseph Freeman and the Frankfurt School." The journal *Critical Sociology* will publish a piece on Paul W. Massing and his wartime sociology of antisemitism and a second article on American minority antisemitism from 1945-2005. *Telos* will publish an article on A. R. L. Gurland's sociology of antisemitism. Worrell will spend the summer converting his 2003 Ph.D. dissertation, "Dialectic of Solidarity," into a book of the same title for the *Critical Studies in Social Science* series (Brill) as well as helping to organize and co-chair the symposium for New Directions in Critical Social Theory, an initiative hosted by Iowa State University and slated for January 2008. The Symposium is an invitational conference that will bring together a handful of early-to-mid-career scholars to assess the legacy of classical critical theory and future directions in neo-Marxist sociology and social research. Portions of the symposium's proceeding will be published in downloadable audio format by *The New York Journal of Sociology*, available online at [www.newyorksociology.org](http://www.newyorksociology.org).

## Coming Events

### Tuesday, May 15

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

**Meeting:** Reflections on Civic Engagement, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 3 p.m.

### Friday, May 18

**Undergraduate Commencement Rehearsal:** See page 2 for schedule.

#### Graduate Commencement

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#### Kente Cloth Graduation

**Ceremony:** Corey Union Function Room, 6:30 p.m.

**Graduate Commencement:** Park Center Alumni Arena, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 19

**Undergraduate Commencement:** Park Center Alumni Arena, Ceremony A, 9:30 a.m.; Ceremony B, 2:30 p.m.

## Graduate Student Commencement Set for May 18

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Elizabeth Davis-Russell, academic affairs, will offer a welcome, while Joshua Bochniak of Algonquin, Ill., a candidate for Master of Science in Recreation in Environmental and Outdoor Education, will provide remarks on behalf of the graduates. President Bitterbaum will deliver the charge to the graduates. Presenting the degrees and certificates to the graduates will be Mark Prus, arts and sciences; Ed Caffarella, education; and Roy H. Olsson Jr., professional studies.

Carl Gambitta '63, a past president and current member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, will welcome these newest graduates into the ranks of the College's 57,000 alumni. Commencement marshals will be Ted Fay, sport management; Ellen Jampole, literacy; Jean LeLoup, international communications and culture; Susan Rayl, kinesiology; and James Reese, sport management.

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## Sports Schedule

*Capital Letters Denote Home Games*

### Wednesday, May 16

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

### Thursday, May 17

Baseball, NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA  
Men's/Women's Outdoor Track and Field, ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at Oneonta

### Friday, May 18

Baseball, NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA  
Men's/Women's Outdoor Track and Field, ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at Oneonta  
Softball, NCAA Div. III World Series, TBA at Salem, Va.

### Saturday, May 19

Baseball, NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA  
Women's Lacrosse, NCAA Div. III Semifinals, TBA at William Smith  
Softball, NCAA Div. III World Series, TBA at Salem, Va.

### Sunday, May 20

Baseball, NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA  
Men's Lacrosse, NCAA Div. III Semifinals, TBA  
Women's Lacrosse, NCAA Div. III Finals, TBA at William Smith  
Softball, NCAA Div. III World Series, TBA



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