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President Keizs on Blue Ribbon Team

This past May Governor Eliot Spitzer named President Marcia Keizs to a Blue Ribbon panel of experts asked to identify ways to improve the quality of higher education in New York State.

Under the Executive Order that created the Higher Education Commission their mandate is to study the current higher education system and make recommendations about improving access to the state's public higher education system; expanding its degree programs to reflect state and regional

economic development objectives; preparing community college graduates for a smooth transition to four-year institutions and/or obtain high value jobs upon graduation; and enhancing the capacity of the state's university research centers to regain New York's preeminent status in academic research while providing additional opportunities for high value employment.

The Commission is expected to deliver an interim report to the Governor this December and its final report by next June.



President Marcia Keizs



Governor Eliot Spitzer

Academic Redesign in the Sciences

In an effort to better meet the growing teaching and research needs of students and faculty in the sciences, the Department of Natural Sciences was reconfigured into three separate departments, effective July 1, 2007.

Former Chair of Natural Sciences, Dr. Larry Johnson became Chair of the new Department of Chemistry. The Administrative Assistant is Mrs. Dorothy Sample, and the office can be found in Room 3F01.

Also formed was the Department of Biology, led by Dr. Gerry McNeil. The department's Administrative Assistant is Mrs. Jane Albertini, and the office is located in Room 4E03.

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Message from the Provost

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to introduce this inaugural edition of *Academic Affairs Update*. This bulletin aims at enhancing communication within the Division of Academic Affairs and at sharing Academic Affairs developments with the wider College community. It will be published monthly during the academic year, with one or two editions produced during summers, and it will be distributed electronically. Editions will be archived on the Academic Affairs website, which will come online later this month. As might be expected, this first issue is larger than later ones will be.

Academic Affairs Update will have three main sections: **Happenings**, which will capture recent and current developments; **Dates**, which will highlight noteworthy deadlines; and **Reflections**, to feature short articles on College, CUNY, state or national academic issues. The last section is intended to facilitate faculty and staff engagement with the bulletin. Thus, I invite members of the academic community to submit articles for the November edition. These should be 1,000 words max and sent to AcademicUpdate@york.cuny.edu by October 19. Because of space limitations we will be able to publish only two articles in any one edition of

the bulletin. Moreover, anonymous articles will not be published. October 19 also is the date to submit items for **Happenings** and **Dates**.

We are now almost halfway through a very exciting semester; one with

- A seven percent enrollment increase; we now have 6,811 students (including College NOW) on campus, with 1,711 being new students. Moreover, the Class of 2011 has a relatively stronger academic profile than previous classes.
- New mentoring programs, significant growth in the Merit Scholars program, and plans for the development of our Honors Program.
- Two dozen talented new faculty hired since last Spring.
- The redesign of the science departments to enhance our science teaching and research.
- The creation of the Teacher Academy and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and great new programming at the Performing Arts Center.
- The rejuvenation of the Aviation Institute, with the appointment of a new director and rapid growth in the number of students majoring in Aviation Management.
- The development of new degree programs in journalism,

nursing, and pharmaceutical science, and partnerships with the New York Hall of Science and other agencies; new graduate programs also are contemplated.



These and other developments bring new opportunities to pursue our mission of excellence in teaching, research, and service. But we also face continuing and new challenges, especially in relation to advising, testing, retention, and graduation. These challenges must be viewed as collective challenges, and not ones just for the administrators, or the faculty, or the staff.

So, as we continue this year's educational journey I invite you to find individual and collective ways to help meet these challenges and to provide our students with the most rewarding collegiate experience possible.



Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science
Provost & Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Inaugural Provost Lecture

Topic: "Water at the End of the Tunnel"
Speaker: Dr. Nazrul Khandaker, Professor of Geology
Date, time, location: October 24, 1:00 pm, Academic Core Building, Room 4M07

Academic Redesign in the Sciences

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The new department of Earth and Physical Sciences is headed by Dr. Stanley Schleifer and the Secretary is Ms. Pauline Miles. The departmental office is in Room 2F09.

Annual Fall Convocation Launches Academic Year

York College's annual Fall Convocation took place on September 20 before a larger-than-capacity gathering in the Performing Arts Center's Little Theater. With opening greetings and remarks from President Keizs, Student Government President Simone Lamont, and Faculty Caucus Leader Farley Mawyer, the York College academic year was officially kicked-off with remembrances of those faculty and students that passed away since the last Convocation. Additionally, well wishes and congratulations were offered to those colleagues who retired, have been promoted, are leaving for or returning from sabbaticals, and have joined the York College Community.

Providing what she termed as a "report card" on the status of her "dream for

York College" announced at her very first Convocation, in 2005, President Keizs shared some important milestones that the College has now reached on the way to the full fruition of her dream. These included: the highest paid-rate among Freshmen at the College in at least 10 years; a growing number of Master's-level students in the Occupational Therapy Department; with the go-ahead from the University an advance toward the development of more graduate-level programs; the scheduled Fall 2008 start of a generic Nursing program; and the bolstering of York's reputation in the local academic community with the addition of 72 new high schools that sent students to York to study toward their degrees.

The new York College Provost, Dr. Griffith, was introduced and he focused his brief remarks on the challenge of retention and the need for all members of the College Community to be engaged in the work of "recruiting, retaining and releasing". He challenged the group to become more sensitive to the needs of students and of their own colleagues, focusing on a famous quote by Albert Einstein, "not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

Rounding out the Con-

vocation program were presentations by Vice President Posman who provided a preliminary report on Fall 2007 enrollment statistics, and Middle States Co-Chair Professor Margaret Ballantyne who gave an update on the College's status as the visit by the full Middle States Evaluation gets closer. She reported that copies of the preliminary report would be circulated prior to the October 11 visit of the Evaluation Team Leader, Dr. William Pollard.

As the culminating feature of the Convocation, the latest York College video, this one featuring former New York City Mayor Ed Koch, was screened. The video, which served as the centerpiece of the York College Foundation event held last June, highlights many of the academic programs and faculty that have helped to create the atmosphere of nurturing and academic linkages. That atmosphere has now led to York's "triple-crown" of "back-to-back-to-back" wins of the prestigious Salk Scholarship, given to outstanding CUNY students for the study of medicine.



New Academic Leaders

President Keizs and Provost Griffith join the York Academic Community in congratulating the following professors who assumed leadership of their departments this year.

- **Dr. Gila Acker**, Social Sciences
- **Dr. Valerie Anderson**, English
- **Dr. Colleen Clay**, Teacher Education
- **Mr. John Drobnicki**, Library
- **Dr. Larry Johnson**, Chemistry
- **Dr. Gerry McNeil**, Biology
- **Dr. Stanley Schleifer**, Earth and Physical Sciences.

Also, Dr. Margaret Ballantyne of Foreign Languages, ESL, and Humanities was re-elected to another three-year term.

The President and Provost also extend their appreciation to the previous department chairs for their sterling service to their departments and the College.



New Aviation Institute Director Hired

Dr. Triant Flouris was named Director of the Aviation Institute, as part of the rejuvenation of the Institute. Dr. Flouris comes to York from San Jose State University where he was Director of Aviation and Professor of Aviation Management. At York he also holds an appointment as Professor of Accounting and Business.

President Marcia Keizs and Provost Ivelaw Griffith appreciate the leadership provided to the Institute by Interim Director Michel Hodge, and looks forward to a continuing role for him in this vital unit of the College. Meanwhile the Aviation degree program has witnessed a significant increase in the number of majors.

York's Triple Crown

York secured its third consecutive Salk Award, granted this year to Angela Hopkinson, who began studies at the University of Michigan School of Medicine this fall. Angela was recruited to Dr. Louis Levinger's lab where she worked as a research technician from 2004 until graduation.

While studying she participated in a student exchange program that placed her in a Japanese laboratory. She also made presentations

at several scientific meetings. Her oral and poster presentations won awards at the RNA Society of North Carolina and the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Stu-



Angela Hopkinson

dents.

Previous Salk awardees are Fiona Smith, who won in 2005 and is now studying at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and Max Seanz, now at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. The Salk Scholarships were established for outstanding CUNY pre-medical students to help defray the costs of medical education. It was named in honor of Dr. Jonas Salk, a CUNY graduate who invented the polio vaccine in 1955.

York College goes to Moldova

For three years now, three York College faculty have been actively collaborating on projects with faculty at the State Medical and Pharmaceutical University in the Republic of Moldova. The relationship began in 2004 with a preliminary contact between Dr. Vadim Moldovan, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Science at York, and Dr. Anatol Nacu, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Addictology and Medical Psychology at “Nicolae Testemitanu.”

In July 2005, Dr. Moldovan traveled with Dr. William Divale, a Professor in the Department of Social Sciences to Moldova. Together they worked with Dr. Nacu, Ms. Virginia Fauras, a medical student, and Ms. Victoria Cardona-Divale on two quantitative studies conducted in the three largest psychiatric hospitals in Moldova, located in Chisinau, Beltsi, and Orhei. Dr. Divale’s study focused on parental rejection in childhood and its influence on development of schizophrenia symptoms in adults. Dr. Moldovan studied the value system of communities of the chronically mentally ill, establishing a framework for analyzing the subculture of the chronically mentally ill. This first-year collaboration resulted in one article published in the United States, another one in press at this time, and another one under submission.

The second year of collaboration

(2006) included three projects that took almost a month to complete. Diane Tewfik, Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, came to Moldova that year, along with Drs. Divale and Moldovan. Dr. Divale studied professionals working in the field of mental health (doctors, nurses, maintenance, and other staff), evaluating their coping abilities, self resiliency and burn-out. Dr. Moldovan continued his study of the subculture of the community of the mentally ill, examining the common cultural aspects among patients compared with the general population. The final goal of his study is to elaborate new therapeutic modalities and positive behavior for mentally disabled. Professor Tewfik examined what activities motivate and bring meaning to adult individuals suffering from chronic mental illness. She used an occupational therapy assessment screen to study what intervention strategies promote motivation and competency in the chronically mentally ill.



The York College (CUNY) team and their Moldovan partners

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This past summer (2007), the research of Professors Divale, Moldovan, and Tewfik built upon foundations laid by their previous projects. Dr. Divale's 2006 study had showed higher burnout rates among psychiatric professional than their colleagues from other medical specialties. This year, Dr. Divale expanded his study of burnout, comparing burnout among psychiatric staff members to burnout among the general population. Professor Tewfik continued her study of occupational therapy assessment and activities with adolescents in the children's ward at Kostuzheni. Dr. Moldovan's research consisted of naturalistic observation of patients in their environment, further expanding his development of a theory of the subculture of the chronically mentally ill. In 2007, Professors Divale and Moldovan, and Tewfik were also joined by two administrators from York College: Cynthia R. Haller, Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Olga Dais, Executive Director of Legal Compliance, who visited the Ministry of Health, State Medical University "Nicolae Testemitanu," and the State University of Moldova to explore potential exchanges of students, medical residents, and faculty.

"Future goals include establishing more formal agreements to lay the groundwork for exchange of students, residents, and faculty"

This year the collaborative research group, under the leadership of Dr. Nacu,

organized an International Seminar on Community Psychiatry, with its main goal being a discussion of challenges facing community psychiatry in Moldova. Among other topics, the possibility of opening a community-based wellness and drop-in center, Casa Mare, was discussed. A model for such a center was presented and specific steps toward opening this facility taken. Presenters and participants from all over Moldova and from the United States participated in the Seminar, representing the fields of child psychiatry, addictology, and academia. The Seminar was also attended by representatives from the United States Embassy in Chisinau. The Seminar is a preliminary step toward the first International Conference on Community Psychiatry, to be held in Chisinau in 2008 and to include participants from many European countries and the United States.

Future goals for the York-Moldova collaboration include establishing more formal collaborative agreements between the State Medical and Pharmaceutical University "Nicolae Testemitanu," the State University of Moldova and York College, to lay the groundwork for exchange of students, residents, and faculty. The international research team, under the leadership of Professors Moldovan, Divale, Tewfik and Nacu, is planning to continue academic research in Moldova with opportunities for inclusion of other disciplines. Under the auspices of the International Center for Community Psychiatry in Moldova, the York part of the team has commenced the search for external funding for a number of projects in Moldova. A small grant from Phoenix Charitable Foundation has already been secured toward development of Casa Mare. Further funding for other projects will be sought through various charitable foundations and the United States Embassy in Moldova. Several PSC/CUNY research grants have also supported the research up to now.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) began operation in 2007. A development committee composed of college faculty, administrators, and deans worked to develop program goals and implement center objectives. The mission of the Center is to promote excellence in teaching practices through a wide range of professional development activities. The Center acts as a catalyst and clearinghouse to cultivate knowledge and practice of learning-centered pedagogies through open dialogue, collaboration, assessment, and faculty research and scholarship on teaching and learning. The CETL encourages faculty to participate in disciplinary and national conversations about teaching, student learning and professional development by providing faculty with resources, opportunities, and forums that facilitate the exchange of ideas and expertise about teaching and learning. Under the direction of its director and board, the CETL works with faculty members to offer workshops and events.

Center activities are funded by a Title 111 grant and include an annual faculty small grant program to build an intellectual community regarding higher education classroom pedagogy. In this inaugural year of CETL, eleven faculty members from diverse disciplines received small grants to engage in systematic and reflective use of research methods to implement practices that advance the learning

experiences and outcomes of students and teachers. Participants selected by a team of faculty evaluators collaborate with fellow recipients to bring their projects to fruition. An annual CETL symposium will allow faculty researchers to present their results to the campus community.



Dr. Ken Bain addressing faculty members at York College

A full slate of distinguished speakers will join York faculty each year as part of CETL activities. The first of these speaker events took place at York College on September 19, 2007 when Dr Ken Bain, Vice Provost of Instruction at Montclair State University spoke. Dr Bain is an internationally renowned scholar in the field of history, focusing on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. Dr. Bain has also been one of the leading proponents of the scholarship of teaching and learning, and has been the founding director of three major teaching centers. He authored *What the Best College Teachers Do*, which won the 2004

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York College

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

Aristotle

COMING SOON:

**York College —
Office of the Provost
website:**

**[http://york.cuny.edu/
academics](http://york.cuny.edu/academics)**

York College/NY Hall of Science Partnership

York College has begun a collaboration with the New York Hall of Science. The Hall of Science is housed close to York College in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens. It houses more than 400 exhibits that explore the wonders and excitement of science, and is visited every year by many thousands of students, families, children and adults that enjoy the exhibits and learn with a lot of interactive educational displays.

On July 31, 2007, a York College delegation visited the Hall of Science. The delegation included the chairs of the Science departments (G. McNeil - Biology, L. Johnson - Chemistry, and S. Schleifer - Earth and Physical Sciences), the Grants Officer (D. Hewitt), the Vice President of Administration (J. Posman) and the acting dean of Academic Affairs (P. Meleties). The delegation toured the Hall of Science facilities and exhibits. The tour guide was the President of the Hall of Science herself, Ms. Marilyn Hoyt. Following the tour there was a meeting with Ms. Hoyt and her team where common interests and concerns were discussed.

Ms. Hoyt and her team – Ms. Preeti Gupta, Senior Vice President for Educational Programs, and Mr. Dan Wempa, Director of



Government Affairs – visited York College on September 13, 2007. They toured the campus and paid particular attention to the College's science laboratories, the library, and the SEMAA laboratory. President M. Keizs and Provost I. Griffith with the chairs of science departments, the Chief Librarian (J. Drobnicki), the science education specialist (L. Keiler), the grants officer and the Acting Dean for Academic Affairs continued the discussion that had started with first meeting.

Areas of common interests and potential partnerships were identified. In fact, chemistry professor D. Robie has already begun consulting with Hall of Science staff. As the main focus of the New York Hall of Science is education, middle school initiatives will be explored in collaboration with the York Office of Academic Affairs and the Teacher Education Department. York science departments will collaborate and exchange expertise with the Hall of Science to increase support for program development and new initiatives.

Co-sponsoring events and supporting each other's public outreach efforts is also another avenue of potential partnership. These may include the Aviation Institute, the Executive Breakfast series, and the York Excellence Lectures, to be launched in Spring 2008. The York College Performing Arts Center can also benefit by linking with the Hall of Science to advertise its programs.

Center for Excellence

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Stone Prize awarded by Harvard University for outstanding books on education and society. The book reflects the findings of a 15-year study on the practices and qualities of great teachers and what they do to engage and challenge students.

What The Best College Teachers Do has been adopted by colleges and universities around the world for faculty development programs, and has been one of the top-selling books on higher education. Dr. Bain has received numerous grants and awards, including those from the Mellon Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Teacher Academy Off to Great Start

This summer eleven students were welcomed as the inaugural York College Teacher Academy. With three additional students admitted over the summer, fourteen aspiring teachers were on board for the beginning of the fall semester. The Teacher Academy, currently on seven CUNY senior campuses, is designed to increase the number of math and science career teachers in the New York City schools by offering tuition, stipends and an innovative teacher education program designed to provide aspiring teachers with rich and early experiences with students.

The six week summer program included three components: field work, academic, and mathematics support. The aspiring teachers worked on campus with the Science, Engineering, Mathematics, & Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) and camp students. The experience was enriched by a blackboard component, with students reflecting on their experiences. Students earned six academic credits by com-

pleting a Student Development course and English 125. A mathematics support program kept math skills sharp, in preparation for calculus in the fall.

The eight future math and six future science (chemistry, biology and earth science) teachers have a demanding fall program that includes field experience, a seminar and a block for academic support. The field experiences are taking place at the York host schools: Hillcrest High School and John Adams High School. The cohort model is an important component of the program, with students following a planned curriculum and scheduled into the same sections.

The York Teacher Academy students have brought new energy and excitement to the Department of Teacher Education. York has been recognized by CUNY for successful recruitment efforts. Students have credited the caring atmosphere and attention of the faculty as reasons for selecting the Teacher Academy at York College.



Joana Pazmino, Math



Emdadun Choudhury, Biology



Ravan Scott, Earth Science

New Faculty Join York

President Marcia V. Keizs and Provost Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith join the rest of the College Community in extending a warm welcome to the following new full time faculty who joined the College since Spring 2007.



Name	Title	Department
Lenore Abend	Distinguished Lecturer	Health Professions
Veronica Arikian	Associate Professor	Health Professions
Janice Bloomfield-Alves	Assistant Professor	Health Professions
John Graffeo	Associate Professor	Health Professions
Linda Jo Crone	Associate Professor	Health Professions
Elizabeth Chiariello	Assistant Professor	Occupational Therapy
Tamara Avi-Itzhak	Associate Professor	Occupational Therapy
Laura Beaton	Assistant Professor	Biology
Sameea Belle	Lecturer	SEEK
Tracy Branch	Lecturer	SEEK
George Bercovitz	Lecturer	Accounting & Business
Triant Flouris	Professor	Accounting & Business
Sanamika Dasgupta	Instructor	Library
William Hughes	Assistant Professor	English
Patricia Milanes	Lecturer	English
Heather Robinson	Assistant Professor	English
Karin Wolf	Lecturer	English
Celeste Wortes	Lecturer	English
Samira Daher	Lecturer	Mathematics & Computer Studies
Juana Ramos	Lecturer	Foreign Languages
Celeta Vanderpool	Lecturer	Behavioral Sciences
Ron Daniels	Distinguished Lecturer	Behavioral Sciences
George White	Assistant Professor	History & Philosophy

DATES

Academic Technology Workshops

Session 1 Date: Friday, 10/19/ 07
 Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Place: Classroom Bldg., CL204b
 Instructor: Sathy Sivanandan

Session 2 Date: Friday, 10/19/ 07
 Time: 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
 Place: Classroom Bldg., CL204b
 Instructor: Sathy Sivanandan

Workshop 12. Network Security:

Prerequisites: Basic computer literacy

A general overview of network security will be discussed. How to mitigate the effect of a virus, worms, sniffing, snooping etc. will be discussed. Some practical steps to overcome the security issues will be demonstrated.

Date: Tuesday, 10/23/ 07
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:50 pm
Place: Classroom Bldg., CL206
Instructor: Kamrul Ahsan

Workshop 13. Photoshop:

Prerequisites: Basic computer literacy

Photoshop is a professional digital imaging software that provides sophisticated tools for image-editing, composing and painting. Participants will learn the basics of the following:

- 1. Working with tools and filters;*
- 2. Creating layers and working with text;*
- 3. Making selections, cropping and resizing.*

Session 1 Date: Tuesday, 10/30/ 07
 Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 Place: Classroom Bldg., 201b
 Instructor: Susan Voll

Session 2 Date: Tuesday, 11/06/ 07
 Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 Place: Classroom Bldg., 201b
 Instructor: Susan Voll

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Workshop 13. Powerpoint:

Prerequisites: Basic computer literacy

Powerpoint is a complete presentation graphics package. It offers word-processing, outlining, drawing, graphing, and presentation management tools. This hands-on workshop will show you:

1. *Powerpoint basics;*
2. *How to create a presentation with Powerpoint;*
3. *How to customize your presentation with drawing, diagrams, charts, pictures etc.;*
4. *How to display your presentation.*

Session 1 Date: Tuesday, 11/13/ 07
 Time: 2:00 pm – 3:50 pm
 Place: Classroom Bldg., CL206
 Instructor: Wenying Huang-Stolte

Session 2 Date: Tuesday, 11/27/ 07
 Time: 2:00 pm – 3:50 pm
 Place: Classroom Bldg., CL206
 Instructor: Wenying Huang-Stolte

Sponsored Research Deadlines

Foundation	Title	Website	Close date
The Getty Grant Program	Collaborative Research Grants	http://www.getty.edu/grants/research/scholars/research.collaborative.html	11/1/07
NSF	Research on Gender in Science and Engineering	http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_sum.jsp?pims_id=5475	Prelim. (11/1/07) Full proposal (1/7/08)
William M. Keck Foundation	Science/Medical/Engineering/Liberal Arts Research	http://www.wmkeck.org/programs/index/html	11/1/07
National Endowment for Humanities	Scholarly Editions Grants	http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/editions.html	11/1/07
NRC National Research Council	Postdoctoral Senior Research Associateships	http://www7.nationalacademics.org/rap/	11/1/07
IREX Individual Research & Exchanges Boards	IARO Individual Advanced Research Opportunity	http://www.irex.org/programs/iaro/index.asp	11/15/07

DATES

Center for Excellence In Teaching and Learning Workshops

October 15

Critical Reading: Strategies that work

4:00-6:00 pm Library 3H24

Janice Cline, English

Lindamichelle Baron, Teacher Education

October 19

Connecting Academic and Experiential Learning

10:00 am-12:00 pm Faculty Dining Room 2D01

Guest Speaker: Dr Joseph Gonzalez

Director, Living Learning Center and

Professor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

Appalachian State University

November 6

Evaluating Student Learning: Grading as a Teaching Tool

12:00-2:00 pm Library 3H14

Charles Coleman, English

Sharon Faust and Diane Tewfik, Occupational Therapy

Detlef Ronneburger, Math and Computer Studies

November 16

Prior Knowledge Theory and Millennial Student Expectations

10:00 am-12:00 pm Faculty Dining Room 2D01

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sonia Gonsalves

Director, Institute for Faculty Development and

Professor, Department of Psychology

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Memorial for Professor Amos Otenio Odenyo

A memorial will be held for Social Sciences Professor Amos Otenio Odenyo on October 18, 2007 from 4:30-6:00 pm in 3B04, The African American Research Center, Academic Core.



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Dr. Marcia V. Keizs, President of York College, Tuskegee Airmen, and College Now students at the College Now graduation ceremony in August 2007.

DATES

Social Science Department Events

Social Work Program

October 18, 2007

Field Instructor Meeting

9:30 - 11:30

AC Room 3A10

This meeting is for Field Instructors of students in the Social Work Program. The purpose is to provide information and updates about the program, and encourage sharing of supervisory concerns and strategies for working them through, collegial support, and professional networking.

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For further information:

Professor Akosua Cobb

Assistant Director of Field Education

**Social Work Program, York College
718-262-3755**

or

Dr. Bonnie Oglensky

**Director of Field Education
Social Work Program, York College
718-262-2612**

Conversation with the Chancellor

Monday, October 29, 2007

10:00 AM

**Performing Arts Center Little
Theater**

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

October 11, 2007

Writing Effective Assignments

12-2 pm, AC-3B02

October 22, 2007

***Practical Pedagogies: Arguing with Charts
and Graphs***

4-6 pm, AC-3B02

November 29, 2007

Dealing with Plagiarism

12-2 pm TBA

The Fall Executive Leadership Breakfast

The Fall 2007 Executive Leadership Breakfast will be held on Friday, October 5 in the Faculty Dining Room at 8:00 AM.

Speaker: Mr. Kevin Burke, Chairman and CEO of Con Edison.

DATES

Natural Science Seminars

For October & November 2007

Sponsored by the Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physical & Earth Sciences of York College/CUNY, and the Minority Access to Research Careers Program

- 10/4 **Dr. Amarnauth Singh.** Senior Research Scientist, Pall Industrial
The Pathway for Academic Research and Bridge to Industrial Research/Application
- 10/11 **Dr. Julio Padovan.** Associate Director, National Resource for the Mass Spectrometric Analysis of Biological Molecules, The Rockefeller University
Characterization of Polypeptides by Mass Spectrometric Techniques
- 10/18 **No seminar, Research and Sponsored Programs Recognition Luncheon**
- 10/25 **Dr. Liang Tong.** Professor of Biological Sciences, Columbia University
Structure studies of pre-mRNA 3'-end processing
- 11/1 **Dr. Ivica Arsov.** Assistant Professor of Biology, York College/CUNY
Deciphering the Role of Beclin 1 in Lymphocyte Development
- 11/8 **Dr. Michael Drain.** Professor of Chemistry, Hunter College/CUNY.
Title TBA
- 11/15 **Dr. Scott Blanchard.** Assistant Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Weill-Cornell Medical College of Cornell University
Identification of Two Distinct tRNA Hybrid States on the Ribosome
- 11/20 (Tuesday). **Undergraduate Research Presentations**
- 11/29 **Dr. Panayiotis Meleties.** Acting Dean of Academic Affairs, York College/CUNY
Synthesis of Novel C-Glycosides

All seminars will be on Thursday at 12 noon, in 4M06 unless otherwise announced. Please contact Dr. Emmanuel Chang at (718)262-3778 for more information.

ALL ARE WELCOME. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



***The deadline for submission
to the Reflections section of
the November edition is
October 19!***

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via email to:
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