



BINNEKILL

SUNY SCCC's monthly newsletter

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Student, Faculty Members, and City Official Describe Importance of New CJ/Humanities Focus

The College was awarded a grant for \$96,320 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in support of its Humanistic Approaches to Criminal Justice project. Courses in the program include Literature and Writing, U.S. History since 1877, and College Composition.

Graduates of the Criminal Justice program will often be the first line of responders when it comes to dealing with race relations, homelessness, and addiction. The new career track, which begins in Fall 2018, provides them with opportunities to grapple with difficult ethical and social issues.

The BINNEKILL asked those close to this innovative project to share their insights about its benefits to students preparing for careers in law enforcement.

“This initiative exposes students to diverse populations and encourages them to respond with integrity and empathy to cultural and political differences. I believe it will have a meaningful and long-lasting impact on our communities.” — Miriam Cajuste, Schenectady County Affirmative Action Manager



“I think it really is an important part of criminal justice that needs to be addressed. An expanded knowledge of American history is incredibly important. We need to know why certain neighborhoods are in a state of crisis and why crime happens more in one place and less in another place. It brings more intelligence to policing and corrections, and every aspect of the criminal justice system as a whole.” — Mallory Wolfe, Criminal Justice major



“My immediate thoughts were how this process could increase writing and communication skills for criminal justice practitioners; particularly, as to presentations or evidentiary values in the court processes or to help decrease tensions through good communication skills. Also, to increase social relevance to the field. Increased awareness of background from a historical aspect could certainly help prevent problems from occurring in the future. It could certainly help with a broader understanding of others.”

Harry Buffardi, Professor in the Division of Business, Criminal Justice, and Law, who, along with Professor Gary Perkins, provided insight and background in law enforcement as the grant was being written



“As faculty we were getting increasingly disturbed watching the growing polarization in the country, the violence that so often erupts in local communities, and the deepening distrust between communities and police. As a historian who often uses personal testimonies and literature to make the past come alive, I know that the humanities have this potential to create empathy, and to foster mutual understanding and appreciation for diversity.”

Dr. Babette Faehmel, Associate Professor, and Project Director, who developed the grant proposal with Project Core Faculty Members Eileen Abrahams, Professor, and Alicia Richardson, Associate Professor. To learn more about what those in law enforcement encounter on a daily basis, as they prepare to teach the humanities courses, they all have done ride-alongs with members of the Schenectady City Police Department and shadowed Corrections Officers at the Schenectady County Jail.



Meet Nathan Glass, Supply Chain Management

Nathan is a Senior Purchasing Agent at Ellis Hospital. He is a lead negotiator on major service contracts for equipment from cardiac rhythm management products to orthopedic implants.



He decided to attend the College part-time, enrolling in the Supply Chain Management degree program, to increase his knowledge about the field and add to his résumé, which already includes a degree from SUNY Cobleskill. Supply Chain Management involves transportation, purchasing and logistics, international logistics, inventory control and warehousing, and strategic management.

Q. How has taking the program here helped with your career?

A. “I’ve learned quite a bit from Rich Lasek (Assistant Professor). As much as I know already, I am still learning tons of new things including negotiation strategies and the general workings of supply chain around the world. It’s been great. Rich is an awesome instructor with tons of real-world experience.”

Q. What do you like about the field?

A. “Every single day is different. There are always new problems to solve, new issues, new opportunities, and it’s rapidly changing. There’s also tons of job security.”

Music Faculty Member and Student In Production Chosen Among Year's Best by *New York Times*

Dr. Allyson Keyser, Associate Professor in the School of Music, often performs in orchestras and symphonies on stages across the Capital Region. One of those performances recently got a nod from *New York Times* critics as among the “Best Classical Music Performances of 2017.”

Last month, Dr. Keyser and Todd DuBrey, one of her students, performed with a small pit orchestra at Hudson Hall in Hudson, N.Y., in *The Mother Of Us All*, Gertrude Stein and Virgil Thomson's opera about Susan B. Anthony and women's suffrage. She was pleasantly surprised to open the *New York Times* earlier this month and spot a mention of the opera as one of the year's best, alongside productions at the Metropolitan Opera, Opera Philadelphia, and Carnegie Hall, among others. “When we found out that the performances were sold out in advance of the first show, we knew the impact of this performance would spread far and wide, but never expected the *New York Times* to list it as a ‘Top 10’ performance of the year,” she said. “We are humbled and honored to have been involved in such an inspiring performance.”

Todd, a senior at Scotia-Glenville High School, takes classes at the College part time and is a member of several ensembles at both institutions. He's been playing trumpet since he was 11 (he's 17 now). “It makes me feel proud, being as young as I am and I'm impressed with myself that I've been able to do this,” he said. “I'm thankful for the opportunity.”

Dr. Keyser isn't resting on her laurels anytime soon. This weekend, she will be performing with Albany Pro Music in their *Many Moods of Christmas* show at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.



Art Instructor Shares “Myth and Mirage”

Stephen Tyson explains, “After his service in a segregated U.S. Army unit during World War II, artist Avel C. de Knight studied at the École de Beaux Arts, the Grande Chaumière, and the Académie Julian in Paris under the GI Bill. He, along with other African-American ex-GI artists like Herb Gentry and Romare Bearden, bravely sought to cultivate their artistic interests and talents in the environment of postwar Paris.



In the 1950s, he began writing as an art critic for various French and American publications. After returning to the United States, he continued to develop his artistic craft, exhibit his paintings, and subsequently taught at the traditionally respected Art Students League of New York.”

The artist was a cousin of Tyson, who is a professional visual artist, Fulbright scholar, and teaches courses in Watercolors and Drawing at the College. Tyson (pictured above) recently curated a show of de Knight's work, titled “Myth and Mirage” at the Burgess Fine Arts Collection in Manhattan. His work has been displayed across the country at museums including the Whitney Museum of American Art and Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

New Student Trustee Joins Board

Matthew Mrozinski was elected as the new Student Trustee for the College, serving a term that begins this month and extends through June 30, 2018.



Matthew is a Liberal Arts and Business Administration major, and in addition to serving on the Board, he is also a father and member of the Sustainability Committee and the Business Club.

He decided to run for the Student Trustee position to “serve and contribute to the student body, College and community.” His goals are to continue learning and growing in the field of business.

The College is governed by the Board of Trustees that consists of 10 members. Five members are appointed by the Schenectady County Legislature, four are appointed by the Governor, and one member is elected by the students.

Dean's Writing to be Included in Forthcoming Book From Cambridge University Press

Dr. Moira Maguire, Dean of the Division of Liberal Arts, is the author of a chapter in the forthcoming book, *A History of Irish Autobiography* edited by Liam Harte. The book is to be published by Cambridge University Press next month.

Dr. Maguire's chapter, entitled “The Irish Abuse Survival Memoir”, examines dozens of autobiographical accounts of institutional, clerical, and parental abuse and neglect experienced by children in Ireland from the 1930s to the 1980s. *A History of Irish Autobiography* “draws on a wealth of original scholarship by leading experts to provide an authoritative examination of autobiographical writing in the English and Irish languages.”

Upcoming Events

Wind Ensemble Concert

Friday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Women's Basketball Game vs. Borough of Manhattan C.C., Saturday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m., Away

Men's Basketball Game vs. Borough of Manhattan C.C., Saturday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m., Away



Hot Food Team Represents — Front row: Jessica Diskin, Dana Muzzy, Yolanda Ramirez. Back row: Justin Seigel and Sebastian Marro (Team Captain)

Hot Food Team Earns Silver

For many long weeknights and Saturdays since September, the College's Hot Food Team members were practicing their skills, preparing for the American Culinary Federation New York State Hot Food Team Competition held earlier this month at Monroe College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

They represented the College well, earning a Silver Medal during the competition. Chef Tom Alicandro was the team's Coach and Chef Michael Stamets was their Manager.

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Do You Know Someone Working in Childcare?

Beginning in January 2018, the College will offer courses for child care center employees to earn the national Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, necessary for them to become head teachers.

The College designed the CDA courses to be flexible, allowing those currently working in child care centers to complete coursework in an online format during their work breaks, in the evening and/or on weekends, and to attend classroom instruction after work, once a week, for 15 weeks to complete coursework.

Professor Tamara Calhoun, of the Division of Liberal Arts, was instrumental in designing the new credential. "This Early Childhood CDA component benefits our community in many facets," she said. "First, students who completed the credential at SUNY SCCC will be college-educated teachers who will provide individualized, developmentally appropriate education and care to meet the interests and needs of every child and family. Second, teachers who wish to further their education will already have 10 credits (three courses) toward the Early Childhood certificate and associate's degree at SUNY SCCC."

For more information on the new CDA Credential Component at SUNY SCCC, please contact Professor Calhoun at calhoutb@sunysccc.edu or (518) 381-1295.



#GoodLuck onFinals!

Campus Resources

Academic Advisement

Elston 222/381-1277

Monday, Tuesday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am-6:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Academic Computing Lab

Elston 529, 530/381-1213

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-10 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

Saturday 9 am-3 pm

Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

Elston 330/381-1041

Check lab for hours.

ADA Transition Services

Elston 222/381-1345

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Admissions

Stockade 120/381-1366

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Athletics

Elston 222/381-1356

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Business Office, Student

Elston 219/381-1346, 1347

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Cafeteria

Elston/381-1330

Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 am-8 pm

Friday 7:30 am-2 pm

Canal Side Cafe/Convenience

Elston Ground Floor/381-1073

Monday-Thurs. 7:30 am-7:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am-1:30 pm

Career and Transfer Services

Elston 221-I/836-2807

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

College Store

Elston 109/381-1332

Monday-Wednesday 8 am-6 pm

Thursday 8 am-4 pm

Friday 8 am-2 pm

Educational Opportunity

Programs/Access

Elston 222/381-1279

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Financial Aid

Elston 221/381-1352

Monday, Tuesday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am-6:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Language Lab

Elston 520/381-1373

Monday, Wednesday 12-6 pm

Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1pm

Learning Center/Writing Lab

Elston 523/381-1246

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Library (Begley)/381-1235

Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 am - 9 pm

Friday 7:45 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday 11 am - 4:45 pm

Math Lab Elston 518/381-1435

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

Saturday 10 am-3 pm

SCCC Integrated Montessori

Preschool Gateway 124/381-1455,
381-1295 (Call for program info.)

Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm

Registrar's Office Elston 212/215

381-1348, 381-1349/ext. 1148

Mon., Tues., Wed. 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am-6:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Student Affairs, Vice President

Elston 222/381-1344

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Student Government

Elston 220H/381-1338

Check office for hours.

Testing Center

Elston 427/381-1293

TestingCenter@sunysccc.edu

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm

Friday 8:30 am-3 pm

Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

TRIO Student Support

Services Elston 328/381-1465

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Tutor Services

Begley Library 210/381-1461

Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4 pm (Coordinator)

Tutoring available Mon.-Sat. (some evenings) based upon scheduling.

Veterans Affairs

Elston 223/381-1284

See office for hours.

Wellness and Support

Services

Elston 222/381-1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Workforce Development

Kindl Bldg., 201 State St.

595-1101, ext. 3

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

YWCA Children's Center

Gateway Bldg./381-1375/1389

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm