

## Schenectady activist has impacted lives through labors of love

For decades, beginning with the Independent Black Institution Movement of the 1960s, Walter Simpkins has sought to empower those in the African American community.



with the court system. "The beauty of this program is that it's made up of fathers from the community to benefit the community that they live in," Walter said. "Our mission is to bring fathers back into the

In the 1970s in Brooklyn, N.Y., he joined with a group of young organizers to establish the Uhuru Sasa School. Their mission was to educate children of color with African American history and culture as the foundation taught in the classroom and incorporated into extracurricular activities.

Then, when he relocated to the Capital Region, earning his master's degree in Africana Studies from the University at Albany, he turned his attention to fathers and shaping male role models in the community.

When state funds evaporated for a fathers' group program in the Capital Region in the early 2000s, Walter and his friends didn't throw their hands up and say, "oh well." Instead, they started their own group, Community Fathers Inc., run by them and for them. They started out as a support group for 12 fathers in Schenectady. By his estimate, the group now serves about 750 fathers in the city.

Walter, an Admissions Recruiter at the College, is the Executive Director for the group that provides support for fathers from mentoring and parenting advice to a peer program for those involved

lives of their children and children back into the lives of their fathers."

Around the same time that he founded Community Fathers in 2006, Walter decided that there needed to be a vehicle for young men of color to reach their potential. He looked around at the network of friends and colleagues in his own circle and decided that just by introducing them to young men, it would make a big difference in their lives. The Male Achievers Program was soon established in Schenectady and continues to serve as a resource for young males, offering character development and mentor services.

This month, Walter looks forward to joining in Black History Month celebrations and events. "Black History Month helps to enlighten people about the contributions that African Americans have made to the foundation of this country and also to its future," he said.

*(See page 4 for a list of Black History Month events.)*

## New concentrations unveiled

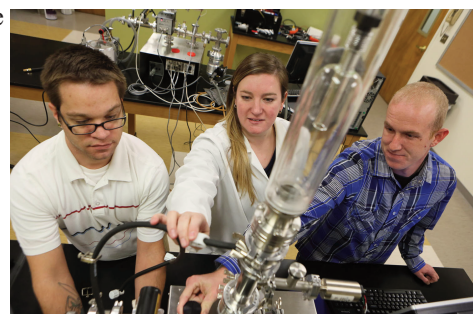
SCCC has added two new concentrations.

The new Beverage Management Concentration, set to begin in Fall 2015, is part of the Hotel and Restaurant Management A.A.S. degree program. The new concentration is unique to the SUNY system and integral to training in a region with so many restaurants and other entertainment venues, as well as breweries, distilleries, cideries and vineyards.



Courses include: Introduction to Beverage Management; Fundamentals of Beer and Brewing; Managing Beverage Operations; Spirits, Distillation and Mixology, Beverage Sales and Merchandising, and Inventory Control and Warehouse Management and an internship. *Above, Jay Larkin, Instructor in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, at a recent function.*

The Nanoscale Science Concentration is part of the Mathematics and Science A.S. degree program and began in Spring 2015.



It is specifically designed for students wishing to transfer to the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) in Albany. Through a beneficial partnership with CSNE, students maintaining a grade point average of 3.3 or higher may cross-register for courses at CSNE during their second year.

With courses in mathematics, science, and nanoscale material, graduates of the concentration are prepared to transfer into the interdisciplinary fields of nanoscale science and nanoscale engineering. *Above, Tania Cabrera, Associate Professor in the Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health, with students in the Nanoscale Lab.*

## College welcomes new staff

**Michelle Gannon** joined SCCC as a part-time Account Clerk in the Student Business Office in the Administrative Division.



Prior to this, she was the Deputy Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Rotterdam. She attended

SUNY Cobleskill and SCCC for Early Childhood and was a Pre-school Teacher for four years.



**Shannon (Shay) Popp** has been named Interim Director of the Liberty Partner-

ships Program. This state-funded grant supports and encourages students to graduate from high school through providing academic assistance and intervention activities to students in fifth through 12th grades. Shay

started with Liberty Partnerships Program as an intern and has been employed as a Tutor, Program Liaison, Parent Engagement Coordinator and Program Assessment Liaison. She earned her bachelor's degree in Human Services from Cazenovia College and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration with a focus in Nonprofit Management from Empire State College.



**Sharon K. Small** joined SCCC as an Information Processing Specialist II in the

Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health. Prior to this, she was an Administrative Assistant for Kelly Services and worked in several Departments at SCCC. Sharon earned an A.A. in Healthcare Administration from the University of Phoenix as well as an associate's degree in Accounting from Draughton's College, Jackson, Miss.

## Professor Judy Karmiohl retires

During her 33-year teaching career at SCCC, Judy Karmiohl had moments that were intriguing, fulfilling and rewarding. She shared some of them and her thoughts about how the College has changed over the past three decades during an interview that took place before she retired in January.



The moments of intrigue came like clockwork at the beginning of each semester. "One of the things I loved about teaching here is that I never knew who was going to be in the room and how they were going to interact with one another and with me," she said. "Sometimes the mix was great, but even when it wasn't, walking into the classroom was an adventure."

Judy was first hired in 1981 as a faculty member in the Division of Liberal Arts. She taught a variety of literature and writing courses from College Composition and Introduction to Literature to American Literature and Public Speaking. Along the way, she earned a grant from SUNY and developed the course Literature of the Hudson Mohawk Region. "That's a course that didn't exist anywhere else. It's unique to this college," she said. She also developed The Detective in Fiction and Film course and co-developed the Technical Writing class.

As each semester progressed she enjoyed not only teaching, but observing her students. "Over the years I especially enjoyed watching students become more aware of how capable they were," she said. "Maybe the very quiet student would stand up and give a great speech. Maybe someone who never ever handed in a paper would get brave enough to hand one in, even just once. Maybe the accomplished writer would begin to recognize that he or she really could write."

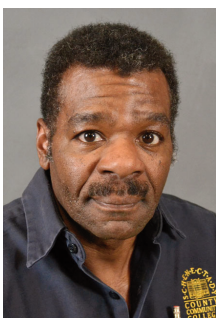
Judy was a participant in the growth of her students and also in the growth of the College. She was among the first faculty members to offer online courses. She was instrumental in revising the Academic Senate bylaws. And she watched the student population grow as more academic programs have been offered. She shared her thoughts on the growth of SCCC saying, "The College has really been expanding, but sometimes small is good. We need to keep in mind that remaining a small college with solid programs and excellent teaching is a valid mission."

As for retirement, Judy plans to start a small business to advise high school students how to write common college application essays, learn to bowl better with the ball her colleagues gave her as a retirement gift, ride her new bike, and teach College Composition online as an adjunct. She will also continue to enjoy the rewards of her teaching career when she encounters former students, such as this exchange recently at an apple orchard. "A middle-aged man came up to me and said, 'Professor Karmiohl, you were my English professor 25 years ago.' I knew he must have been an A student because he could still pronounce my name. This kind of thing has been happening more often lately."

## A few laughs to end the day

To Frank Harris a good sense of humor has been just as important as mastering the new equipment the College has purchased through the years. He took that sense of humor with him when he retired last month as a Worker in the Maintenance Department, part of the Administrative Division.

Frank was first hired in 1993 as a part-time Cleaner. He was promoted to Helper in 1996 and promoted again in 1999 to Worker. He's been cleaning offices and classrooms in Elston Hall ever since, and according to him, he's had an "outstanding time." When reflecting on his two decades at SCCC and the faculty and staff he's worked with, Frank had this to say, "Everyone has been considerate and courteous. SCCC and I have grown together through the years." Prior to working at SCCC, Frank played football for several years for the former Rotterdam Eagles and worked at GE. As for retirement, he plans to rollerskate, get into drag racing/road racing, restore cars and "lots more."





## CARE Team Referral Form is new safety resource

SCCC has expanded its Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation (CARE) Team. The purpose of this team is to promote the safety and well-being of the campus community. The CARE Team is multidisciplinary in nature, including individuals from Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, as well as Campus Safety.

Individuals from the campus community are encouraged to complete a CARE Team Referral Form if they have noticed that a student is displaying especially concerning behaviors or acts in a manner that suggests he or she may be a threat to self or others. Please look for the CARE Team Referral Form on SCCC's main webpage ([sunysccc.edu](http://sunysccc.edu)) under Quick Links.

Dr. Ellen Wertlieb is the Chair of the CARE Team. "The varying backgrounds of our team members are a tremendous asset," she said. "We are able to develop intervention strategies with the insight from the multiple perspectives we represent."

## Tuscan White Bean Soup with Prosciutto

*Submitted by Ryan Dunn,  
Culinary Arts,  
President, Slow Food Club*

It's cold outside, but you can keep yourself warm with a nice hearty soup that is sure to warm you and your family up.

### Ingredients

2 teaspoons olive oil  
1/2 cup chopped prosciutto or ham (about 2 ounces)  
1 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup chopped celery  
3/4 cup chopped carrot  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1 cup water  
2 (19-ounce) cans cannellini beans or other white beans, undrained  
2 bay leaves  
1 (15 ounce) chicken broth can or homemade  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons sherry (optional)  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

### Preparation

Heat the oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. Add the prosciutto, and sauté for 2 minutes. Add the onion, celery, carrot, and garlic; sauté for 2 minutes or until soft. Add the water, beans, bay leaves, and broth, and bring soup to a boil. Partially cover, reduce heat, and simmer soup for 20 minutes. Add the parsley, sherry, and black pepper; cook for 1 minute. Discard bay leaves.



**Handshake and a special award** – Congratulations to Scott Breedlove, Criminal Justice major, and recipient of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's 2015 Criminal Justice Scholarship. Scott plans to graduate in May and transfer to the University of Southern Florida. He would like to eventually become a parole or probation officer in Florida.

## Do you plan to graduate in May? Grads need to apply

**If you plan to graduate this May, you need to fill out a graduation application by Friday, February 13.**

Students who have met with their program advisors and have been informed that they are close to completing their program requirements should apply for graduation.

Students cannot graduate without submitting this application. Applications may be found online at [www.sunysccc.edu/pdf](http://www.sunysccc.edu/pdf) or in person in the Registrar's Office in Elston 215.

Students who do not anticipate completing all degree requirements in the Spring 2015 semester may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony, if they are within 6 credits of completion, registered in the summer term and have a cumulative 2.0 or better GPA. Students who meet this criteria should submit an application for August graduation by April 2015, indicate participation in the May 2015 commencement ceremony on the application, and provide proof of summer registration. Commencement will take place on Thursday, May 21 at Proctors.

Students with questions regarding graduation should contact the SCCC Registrar's Office at (518)381-1348 or [registrar@sunysccc.edu](mailto:registrar@sunysccc.edu).



# The Islamic State and the New Middle East

A presentation by  
Dr. Stephen Leibo

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
Stockade Building 101.  
Free.

Dr. Leibo is a professor of Modern International  
History and Politics  
at the Sage Colleges.

## School of Music Faculty Recital

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Aud., Free.

**Featuring:** Mark Evans, piano; Susan Fedak, soprano; Virginia Fossner, horn; Karen Hosmer, oboe; Allyson Keyser, trumpet; William Meckley, trombone; Brett Wery, clarinet; Arla Wilding, piano; Sten Isachsen, guitar; Paul Quigley, guitar and others.



**Accessibility** - You may have noticed a new look for the signs designating accessible parking on campus. In July 2014, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation updating New York's accessibility signage and logo. SCCC has taken a proactive

approach to updating signs on campus (rather than waiting until signs need to be replaced) to fit with the governor's initiative.

## Staff Development

**Tracy Salvage**, part-time Reference and Instruction Librarian, is a member of the Advisory Board of Ask Us 24/7, the New York state chapter of an international online library research assistance service in which Begley Library participates. It provides SCCC Library users with assistance 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, as they use Begley Library's e-book, online article and streaming media collections from on and off campus.

**Lynne King**, Director of Library Services, has begun a term as the Vice Chair of the Capital District Library Council's Board of Trustees and continues as a member of the Board's Finance Committee.

**William Meckley**, Dean of the School of Music, was elected Chair of the National Association of Schools of Music Community College Accrediting Commission. As Chair, he will also serve as a member of the NASM Board of Directors.

## Black History Month Events

**Marsha Mortimore presents**  
*The History of African Americans in Schenectady*

Wednesday, February 11, 11:30 a.m.,  
Lally Mohawk Room, Free.  
Marsha Mortimore is a local historian and Vice President of the Schenectady Silhouettes



**Donald "Soul Man" Hyman presents**  
*Story of Motown in Song*

Wednesday, February 11, 12:30 p.m.,  
Lally Mohawk Room, Free.



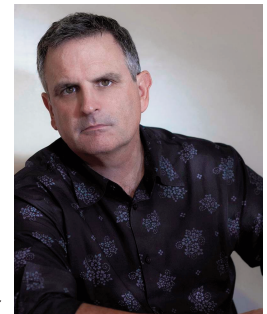
## Soul Food Luncheon

Wednesday, February 18, 11:30 a.m., Van Curler Room, Cost \$18.  
Special Guests: Friendship Baptist Church Gospel Choir accompanied by Azzaam Hameed on keyboard.  
The School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism hosts this special luncheon with mouth-watering dishes including oven roasted "fried" chicken, deep fried catfish, shrimp and grits, macaroni and cheese, collard greens and peach cobbler. For tickets, please contact Deryle McCann, Student Activities Advisor, at (518) 836-2828 or e-mail [mccannnda@sunysccc.edu](mailto:mccannnda@sunysccc.edu) by Wednesday, February 11.

**Pulitzer Prize Winner Gilbert King,**  
*author of Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America*

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m., Carl B. Taylor Auditorium, Free.

Gilbert King is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America*, which was awarded the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction. *Devil in the Grove* was also named runner-up for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and was a finalist for the Chautauqua Prize and the Edgar Award. King has written about the Supreme Court and the death penalty for the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, and he is also a featured contributor for *Smithsonian Magazine* and The Marshall Project. Lionsgate has purchased the rights to *Devil in the Grove* and a film is currently in pre-production. King's earlier book, *The Execution of Willie Francis: Race, Murder, and the Search for Justice in the American South*, was published in 2008. (Sponsored by Community and Cultural Events Committee.)



**Pledge for Humanity: What Role Will You Play?**

Wednesday, February 25, 11:30 a.m.,  
Activity Forum, Free.  
A thought-provoking presentation through images, poetry and panel discussion. Light refreshments served.





## Campus Resources

### Academic Advisement

**Elston 222/ext. 1277**

Monday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
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/ext. 1213**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-10 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm  
Saturday 9 am-3:30 pm

### Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

**Elston 330/ext. 1041**

Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm

### ADA Transition Services

**Elston 222/ext. 1345**

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

### Admissions

**Stockade 120/ext. 1166**

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

### Albany Site

**Second Floor, 112 State St., Albany**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Services: Classes, Financial Aid,  
COMPASS Testing, Advisement via  
Skype, Computer Lab, Photo IDs,  
Student Lounge and Study Areas

### Athletics

**Elston 222/ext. 1356**

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

### Begley Library/ext. 1235

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 9: pm  
Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday 11 am – 5 pm  
Closed Sundays

### Business Office, Student

**Elston 219/ext. 1346, 1347**

Monday 8:30 am-4:15 pm  
Tuesday 8:30 am-4:15 pm  
Wednesday 8:30 am-4:15 pm  
Thursday 8:30 am-4:15 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-4:15 pm

### Career and Transfer Services

**Elston 222/ext. 1365**

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

### The College Store

**Elston 109/ext. 1332**

Monday-Wednesday 8 am-6 pm  
Thursday 8 am-4 pm  
Friday 8 am-2 pm

### The Commons Elston/ext. 1330

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-8 pm  
Friday 7:30 am-2 pm

### College Central Network

SCCC's career management system  
[www.sunysccc.edu/ces](http://www.sunysccc.edu/ces)

### Educational Opportunity Programs/Access

**Elston 222/ext. 1279**

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

### Financial Aid

**Elston 221/ext. 1352**

Monday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
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

### Gateway Montessori

**Gateway 124/ext. 1455/1295**

Monday-Friday 9 am-11:30 am  
(Call for program information.)

### Language Lab

**Elston 520/ext. 1373**

See lab for hours.

### Learning Center

**Writing Lab**

**Elston 523/ext. 1246**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm  
Saturday 10 am-3 pm

### Math Lab Elston 518/ext. 1435

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm  
Saturday 10 am-3 pm

### Registrar's Office

**Elston 212/215**

**381-1348, 381-1349/ext. 1148**

Monday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
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

### Student Affairs, Vice President

**Elston 222/ext. 1344**

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

### Student Government

**Elston 220H/ext. 1388**

By appointment or walk-in

### Testing Center

**Elston 427/ext.1293**

**TestingCenter@sunysccc.edu**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 7 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-3 pm

### TRIO Student Support

**Services Elston 328/ext. 1465**

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

### Tutor Services

**Elston 328-C/ext. 1461**

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

### Veterans Affairs

**Elston 223/ext. 1284**

Open daily. See office for hours.

### Wellness and Support Services

**Elston 222/ext. 1365**

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

### Workforce Development

**Stockade 120/ext. 1315**

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

### YWCA Children's Center

**Gateway Bldg./ext. 1375 or 1389**

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm  
(Evening hours available depending  
on enrollment.)