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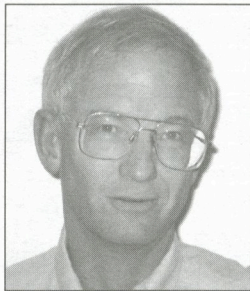
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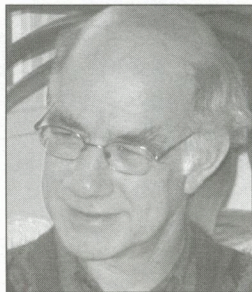
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## PROVOST'S LECTURE SERIES

### "Global Social Protest: Can Labor Lead the Way"



**Dan Clawson**  
Professor of Sociology  
University of Massachusetts  
at Amherst



**Michael Burawoy**  
President of the American  
Sociological Association and  
Professor of Sociology  
University of California  
at Berkeley

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Friday, February 27  
2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

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Charles B. Wang Center  
Lecture Hall 2

## Gift Checks to be Awarded for Survey

### Send in Your Response Now

By now, all faculty and staff should have received a copy of the confidential survey that addresses issues of perceived fairness, respect, and inclusiveness. It is important that as many people as possible respond to make the survey valid.

As of Monday, February 16, 1,566 (about 12 percent) employees have responded to the survey. When the response rate reaches 30 percent, a \$300 gift check will be awarded in a random drawing. A second \$300 gift check will be awarded at 35 percent, and another when the rate reaches 40 percent. Every Stony Brook University employee is eligible.

Once the results reach a workable threshold, they will be used as a catalyst for initiatives that will address any concerns the survey identifies.

If you have not received your copy of the survey, call 632-6280, pick up a survey at the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action, or visit [www.stonybrook.edu/diversity](http://www.stonybrook.edu/diversity).

## Interim Dean Named for New College of Business

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of William H. Turner as Interim Dean of the new Stony Brook College of Business. The College will consist of the Harriman School, with its large and successful undergraduate and graduate programs, and additional faculty and instructors needed to deliver MBA degree and executive programs. Professor Tom Sexton, who has admirably directed the Harriman School programs, will continue as Director of Harriman.

Interim Dean Turner's initial priority will be to launch the MBA programs. The Stony Brook proposal for the MBA was built on strengths in the business, engineering, mathematics, natural sciences, economics and other social sciences, and health care programs housed in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences Center, and Harriman, and our new dean will be working to realize these connections.

Mr. Turner has been a senior manager and executive in a broad range of corporate sectors in the New York area. He holds a BA from Trinity College and an MBA from New York University. Mr. Turner has taught at Montclair State University and Queens College, and is a board member of many philanthropic organizations and a trustee of Trinity College. He also serves as a director of the following public companies: Standard Motor Products, Inc.; Volt Information Sciences, Inc.; New Jersey Resources; and Franklin Electronic Publishers. Before accepting this position, Mr. Turner was Senior Partner of Summus Ltd. following retirement as Chairman of PNC Bank N.A. New Jersey.

—Robert L. McGrath

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

## The 15th Annual Jacob Bigeleisen Endowed Lecture Presents

### Nobel Laureate Yuan Tseh Lee

Wednesday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.  
Charles B. Wang Center Theatre  
Hosted by the Department of Chemistry

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Yuan Tseh Lee, Ph.D., President of the Academia Sinica in Taiwan, has received numerous awards and honors, including the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, the U.S. National Medal of Science, and the Faraday Medal from the Royal Chemical Society of Great Britain. He has also been awarded the Ernest O. Lawrence Award of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Harrison Howe Award, and the Peter Debye Award of Physical Chemistry from the American Chemical Society.

Refreshments will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the Theatre Lobby. For more information, please call the Department of Chemistry at 632-7884.

## Call for Grant Proposals

### Deadline for Submissions: February 29

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to submit brief program proposals centered on the theme of "Dialogues Across Differences—Speaking Truth: Connecting Generations—Generating Connections with Grace and Civility."

Dialogues Across Differences is funded by a grant for Diversity and Internationalization from the Office of the President. The purpose of this grant is to support Stony Brook's transition from a community that honors diversity through cultural celebrations to one that also possesses a commitment to deeper understanding of our similarities and differences. Hopefully this can be accomplished through sharing stories and fostering dialogues across divisions on the critical issues of our time.

Proposals requesting funding from \$250 to \$1,500 for campus programs taking place between March 2004 and May 2005 should be submitted along with an application by Sunday, February 29. Guidelines, an application, and complete information are available on the Web at [www.stonybrook.edu/diversity](http://www.stonybrook.edu/diversity). All proposals should be sent to Dorothy Challice, President's Office, Room 310, Administration Building, Zip = 0701. For more information, call the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action at 632-6280.

## Dr. White Receives Prestigious Award

Henry J. White, Assistant Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, is a recipient of the most prestigious award offered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for new faculty members. The NSF CAREER award, \$400,000 over a five-year period, recognizes and supports the early career-development activities of those teacher-scholars who are most likely to become academic leaders of the 21st century.

Dr. White will study the structure property relationship of adherent silicon carbide coatings on materials traditionally used for ethylene pyrolysis applications. His work will provide the solution for a high-temperature corrosion materials problem, which costs the petroleum industry millions of dollars each year.

The NSF's Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program selects awardees based on creative career development plans that effectively integrate research and education.

Dr. White, a licensed professional engineer in New York State, is an alumnus of Stony Brook, having received in Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering in 2000.

## Goldstein to Direct Undergrad College

Perry Goldstein, Associate Professor in the Department of Music, has been appointed the founding Faculty Director of the College of Arts, Culture, and Humanities, the third of six planned first-year Undergraduate Colleges. The College is located in Tabler Quad, where the newly refurbished Tabler Center will provide a gathering and work space for students with a variety of artistic and cultural interests. The College will host a weekly foreign film series, recitals, lectures, and other activities.

Goldstein is the recipient of a Chancellor's and President's Award for Excellence in Teaching from SUNY, as well as the Teacher of the Year in the Humanities Award from Wilmington College. Active in university governance, he has served for more than a decade on the campus Fulbright Committee, the Staller Center Long Range Planning Committee, and is currently Undergraduate Studies Director in the Department of Music.

He is a widely performed composer, with more than 200 performances during the last few years in the United States and Europe. He has recently completed a commission for the West Point Saxophone Quartet and United States Military Academy Band, which will be premiered at West Point in April.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Student Interns

**Timothy Cole**, a member of the Honors College, is participating in an internship with the White House National Economic Council, which advises the President on matters relating to U.S. and global economic policy. He will live and work in Washington D.C. for the spring semester . . . **Jael Fogle**, an English major and journalism minor in her senior year, has become the University's first Dow Jones Newspaper Fund intern. She will spend ten weeks at the sports desk of the *Journal News* in White Plains after attending a two-week training session at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. When Fogle returns to Stony Brook in the fall, she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Fund, which is in addition to her salary at the newspaper . . . **Grisaldy Lantiqua**, who graduated in May 2003, is in the middle of a year-long internship with the New York State Housing Finance Agency. This is a highly competitive internship, with more than 300 students applying for four positions. She is receiving a salary of \$35,000 for the year.

### Summer Sessions at SB Manhattan

Since Stony Brook Manhattan opened three years ago, the number of Summer Sessions courses offered has jumped from 11 to 39 this year, and includes classes in such diverse subjects as Arabic, Asian Studies, Africana Studies, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies, along with introductory math and science courses. In addition, two of the art history classes will make use of New York City's galleries and museums, and the theatre course includes attendance at several theatrical productions in the city.

Summer Sessions courses are also offered on campus, covering such topics as Asian America in Literature and Film, State and Society in the Middle East, Mass Media in American Politics, and History of Popular Culture.

Session I takes place from June 1 through July 9, Session II from July 12 through August 20. For more information, please visit [www.stonybrook.edu/summer](http://www.stonybrook.edu/summer) or call 632-7790.

### Daffodil Fundraiser

#### Deadline for Orders: March 17

Spring is on its way and so is the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days fundraising event. Daffodils are the first flower of spring and they are also the flower of hope—hope in the fight against cancer.

Orders for flowers can be made by contacting Joyce Wiehe at [Joyce.Wiehe@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Joyce.Wiehe@stonybrook.edu) or at 444-2880, or by stopping by the Department of Patient Relations, Room 621, Level 5, University Hospital. The department will be collecting the donation of \$7 for a bunch of ten daffodils and \$8 for the new Kelly green vase with the Daffodil Days imprint on it.

Orders must be received and paid for by Wednesday, March 17. Flowers can be picked up on Tuesday, March 23, in the Department of Patient Relations.

## Cesar Markovic Named New Soccer Coach

**C**esar Markovic, who developed winning soccer programs at St. Peter's (Jersey City, New Jersey) and Hunter College (Manhattan), was named the University's eighth men's soccer coach on January 27. He has a career record of 93-66-12 over nine years and was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame in 2002.

"Hiring such a quality person fortifies the lofty expectations for our men's soccer program, and we know that he is the perfect person to lead us to the top of the America East and beyond," said Stony Brook Athletic Director Jim Fiore.

Markovic spent the last four seasons at St. Peter's College, where he was named the 2003 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Coach of the Year after leading his team to an MAAC tournament title and to the second round of the NCAA tournament. This past season, he led St. Peter's to its all-time best with 18 wins and a berth to the second round of the College Cup. Markovic is also known as one of the premier recruiters of student-athletes from New York State. In addition to his head coaching experience, he served as Assistant Coach of the USL A-League Long Island Rough Riders in 1997 and 1998.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Stony Brook family," said Markovic. "My goal is to put Stony Brook on the soccer map and to compete on a national level as soon as possible."

The Queens native played at Hunter and was his team's leading scorer as a defender in his senior year.



Photo by Glenn Jochum

## New Equipment for Burn Therapy

Waters Corp. donated an HPLC Multisystem refrigerated autosampler to Professor Marcia Simon, Associate Dean for Research at the School of Dental Medicine and Director of the Living Skin Bank at University Hospital. The autosampler will help Dr. Simon further her research on skin cell metabolism and make improvements in burn patient therapy. Mark Groudas (Stony Brook University, '79), Vice President of the Waters Division of Waters Corp., delivered the \$50,000 piece of equipment from Massachusetts.

Waters Corp. is a leading provider of high-performance liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry, thermal analysis, and rheology products and services in labs around the world. Groudas explained that the Waters Division decided to donate the equipment for burn therapy research in light of the devastating fire that broke out in a dance club in Providence, Rhode Island, which made national headlines. "Dr. Simon's work has great potential to improve the recovery of burn victims," said Groudas. "I am delighted to have Waters Corp. contribute to that success."

The trip to deliver the equipment was the first time Groudas had been to Stony Brook since his graduation. He said that he is impressed with the growth and beautification of the campus and is happy his company could support the outstanding research being conducted here.

## Lunchtime Learning

### Thursday, March 4

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is offering a Lunchtime Learning Workshop, "When You and Your Supervisor Don't Get Along," on Thursday, March 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Seminar Room 3A, HSC. To register, contact EAP at 632-6085, or visit [www.sunysb.edu/eap](http://www.sunysb.edu/eap). Please feel free to bring your lunch.

The relationship between you and your supervisor is an important one. However, there are times when you may feel undervalued or misunderstood; may not have all the information, resources, or support you need; may be treated unprofessionally; or may find yourself having personality conflicts or communication problems. This workshop provides you with the tools and techniques to improve the situation as you focus on what you do have control over—your reaction.

## The Gangster Life and Violence in the United States

A Symposium Hosted by the Humanities Institute



Thursday and Friday, February 26–27  
E-4340 Melville Library



Keynote Address by Josephine Gattuso Hendin, NYU  
"Heartbreakers: Violent Women in Modern American Literature and Culture"

For more information, call 632-7765 or visit  
[www.sunysb.edu/humanities](http://www.sunysb.edu/humanities)

## SB Awarded NSF Grant for Gender Equity

**J**anice A. Grackin, Ph.D., was awarded a \$100,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to study whether the interest of girls and young women in science, technology, engineering, and math careers can be raised by increasing their exposure to specific information about women in these fields. The grant supports "Think Again . . . Girls Can!," a university-based collaborative project that has created a Web site ([www.girlscan.org](http://www.girlscan.org)) dedicated to disseminating information about scientists who love what they do, and who just happen to be women with rich professional and personal lives.

During the next year, the project will produce DVDs—to be distributed free of charge to schools and community organizations—containing interviews with women in science, technology, engineering, and math on which the Web site is based. Also during the next year, the project expects to air a set of public service announcements on television stations to generate awareness of the new Web site.

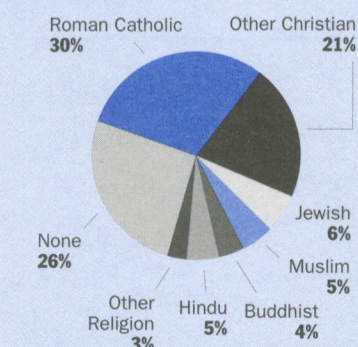
"Think Again . . . Girls Can!" is a university-community partnership that includes the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls, Briarcliffe College, and television station WLIW-21.

"Women continue to be underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields," said Grackin. "Previous research has demonstrated that this may be partly due to an image problem, in that girls may perceive scientists to be all alike, and the image is not a positive one. 'Think Again . . . Girls Can!' is a project that presents women in these fields as real people, with real lives, whose jobs just happen to be scientific and technical. Our hope is that this may help counter the stereotypes of science and technology careers as isolating, disconnected, and not relevant to the 'real world.'"

Additional information about "Think Again . . . Girls Can!" is available by calling Grackin at 632-1056.

## SB STAT

### Religious Preferences of Full-Time Freshmen



ACE/CIRP Survey of New Students: Fall 2003  
n=799 (37%)

Prepared by the Office of Institutional Research

## CELT Teleconference on Teaching

Friday, February 27

In what ways and to what extent can/should university teaching be approached as "scientific research"? How can we "learn the right lessons" from and through our teaching? What are the individual student, instructor, and institutional obstacles to being more "research-informed and experimental" in our teaching? How can we overcome barriers to change and continue to grow professionally as teachers and "learning organizations"? These four questions, along with several "FUNdaMENTAL," "hands-on/minds-on" activities will create a context for an interactive dialogue on teaching.

This event, which marks the second in a series of SUNY Research Centers Teleconferences that will be held each semester, takes place on Friday, February 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Javits Lecture Center, Room 223. The series is sponsored by Stony Brook's Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) in collaboration with SUNY Binghamton, Buffalo, and Albany. All faculty and teaching assistants are invited. Seating is limited to 20 participants. For more information or to register online, visit [www.celt.sunysb.edu](http://www.celt.sunysb.edu). For more information on the series, contact Troy Wolfskill at [Troy.Wolfskill@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Troy.Wolfskill@stonybrook.edu).

## SB Participates in Heart Study

The number of survivors of sudden cardiac arrest markedly increases when the victims are helped by community volunteers trained to perform not only CPR, but also to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), a device that shocks an ineffectively beating heart back into normal rhythm. This is the finding of a large, multi-center study funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) in collaboration with the American Heart Association. Stony Brook was a coordinating center in the study, administering to more than 40 participating public facilities within Suffolk County.

The Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Trial was undertaken to determine whether deployment of AEDs in public locations would increase survival following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Beginning in July 2000, 993 public facilities were enrolled to participate in the study in 21 coordinating centers in the United States and three in Canada. Volunteers at participating facilities received training in CPR. In addition, volunteers in half of the facilities received access to, and training in, the use of AEDs.

The study found that over an average of almost two years, there were nearly twice as many cardiac arrest victims who survived to hospital discharge in facilities trained in CPR plus the use of an AED compared to facilities trained in CPR only.

"AEDs are valuable and life-saving if deployed by members of the public who are adequately trained," said Mark Henry, M.D., Professor and Chair of Emergency Medicine. "It suggests that public facilities such as parks and sports venues have AEDs and train staff to use them properly."

## Stony Brook Debating Society

Presents the

### First Great Debate

Wednesday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.

Charles B. Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2

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Resolved: "The PATRIOT Act Must Go"

**Moderator:** Professor Gilbert Hanson, Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Geosciences

**Affirmative Team:** Michael Zweig, Professor of Economics, and Jacob Levich, Manager of University Web Content

**Negative Team:** Michael Sigrist, Ph.D. student, Philosophy, and Louis Esparza, Ph.D. student, Sociology

The audience will participate at the end of the debate by submitting written questions to the panelists, as well as voting on which team won the debate.

The Stony Brook Debating Society has been formed to stimulate reasoned debate on the great issues of our time. The Society expects to hold one debate per semester on a variety of topics. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Malcolm Bowman, Interim Chair, at [Malcolm.Bowman@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Malcolm.Bowman@stonybrook.edu).

Sponsored by the Graduate School, Dean Lawrence Martin, and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate Vice President Peter Baigent.

## Habitat House Campaign Kicks Off February 27



Dr. Frederick Preston (right), Vice President for Student Affairs and Chair, Stony Brook/Habitat for Humanity partnership, admires the Stony Brook House '03, home to the Heredia family.

The third annual Stony Brook/Habitat for Humanity project gets underway on Friday, February 27. Stony Brook House '04, scheduled to start construction in the summer, has a fundraising goal of \$65,000 campuswide. The home will be built on donated land in North Bellport.

The rising costs of building materials have forced an increase in the overall dollar goal, but that has not diminished the enthusiasm for the project. "This year, the 31 member organizations of the InterFraternity and Sorority Council (IFSC) have chosen Stony Brook House '04 for their main philanthropy efforts," said Tasheka Sutton, Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

A variety of events are being planned by departmental areas across campus to achieve the fundraising goal, including an indoor yard sale, a golf outing, and an assortment of raffles. Visit [www.stonybrook.edu/habitat](http://www.stonybrook.edu/habitat) for more details, and watch future issues of *Happenings*.

## 2003-04 Year of Community: Mentoring for Success

### Win \$100

#### Enter the "What is Mentoring?" Contest

Many of us have had the opportunity to be a mentor or have been mentored by someone we admire. Based on your own experiences and observations, what is your definition of "mentoring?"

Enter on the Web at [www.stonybrook.edu/events/yocm](http://www.stonybrook.edu/events/yocm). You may win one of ten \$100 prizes.

Winning entries will be displayed on banners throughout the Academic Mall later in the spring. One entry per person please.

For more information, send an e-mail to [mentoring@stonybrook.edu](mailto:mentoring@stonybrook.edu).

**The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 5.**

## In Memoriam

DR. RICHARD J. ORINGER, Associate Professor in the School of Dental Medicine, died suddenly in a tragic car accident as he was leaving campus on Thursday, January 29.

His brilliance was coupled with a considerate and humble personality. As a leader of the Department of Periodontics, he dramatically transformed its tone to the highest level of academic achievement. Dr. Oringer was an incredible asset to both the Department and the School. He was so loved by students that he was selected as Marshall or Grand Marshall at graduation in 2000, 2002, 2003, and was selected as Grand Marshall for this coming June. His tireless dedication to academic programs also resulted in the receipt of two faculty awards for teaching excellence and two year-book dedications.

Dr. Oringer joined the periodontal faculty in 1997. Because of his teaching prowess and excellent organizational skills, he was appointed Director of Predoctoral Periodontics in 2000. His teaching ability was recognized at the national level when he was awarded the prestigious Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship in 2001 by the American Academy of Periodontology.

Always driven to excel, Dr. Oringer committed his time and efforts to further hone his research skills, which resulted in an impressive portfolio of research activities. At the end of 2003, he received notice of a K23 award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He was often called upon by the industrial sector to investigate the clinical significance of new therapeutic modalities. His publication in peer-reviewed journals was extensive.

Dr. Oringer was also active in regional and national periodontal organizations. His professional endeavors resulted in his being elected in 2001 to the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Society of Periodontists. He was on a fast track to become a leader in organized periodontics.

Dr. Oringer was married to Dr. Erin Riley, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs at the School of Dental Medicine. They have one son, John, who is 4 1/2 months old.

If you would like to share recollections, anecdotes, and other memorial statements, please visit [www.pbse.com/dentite/richard](http://www.pbse.com/dentite/richard).

Contributions can be made to the SBF/Richard Oringer Scholarship Fund, SBF/The John Oringer College Fund, or the American Heart Association and sent to: Stony Brook University, School of Dental Medicine, Room 156, Rockland Hall, Stony Brook, NY 11794-8700.

## Summer Camp Open House Dates

Summer Camp at Stony Brook will be held from June 28 to August 20. Informational Open House events will be held on the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Sports Complex: **March 6** and **27**, **April 17**, and **May 15**.

For more information, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/daycamp](http://www.stonybrook.edu/daycamp) or call 632-4550.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2004

Black History Month Honors  
Dr. William McAdoo 1936-2003  
Former Chair of the  
Department of Africana Studies

2004 Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, February 25**

**Celebrating Our Diversity as African Diasporic People**

12:40 p.m.-2:00 p.m., African Studies Library. A roundtable discussion.

**Celebration of the Sights and Sounds of the African Diaspora**

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., HSC, Gallery Level 3. Exploration of African and Caribbean cultures. For information, call 444-2341.

**Thursday, February 26**

**Cultural Excursion: A Night in Africa**

9:00 p.m., UNITI Cultural Center. Sponsored by UNITI Cultural Center and African Student Union.

**Faculty Development**

"What You Need to Know to Advance in Academic Settings," 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., HSC, Lecture Hall 3, Level 2. A panel of faculty discuss specific topics related to advancing in academic settings. For information, call 444-2341.

**Saturday, February 28**

**Black History Month Closing Reception and Bob Marley Day**

6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m., SB Union Ballroom. Celebrate the closing of Black History Month. Semi-formal attire. For information, call 216-1227.

**Upcoming Programs**

**Sunday, March 28**

Aquila Theatre Company presents *Othello*, 7:00 p.m., Staller Center.

**Monday, March 29**

Long Island-wide Conference, "Brown v. Board of Education: The Unfinished Agenda." For more information, call Elaine Gross, at (516) 921-4863 or visit [www.eraseracismny.org](http://www.eraseracismny.org).

**Saturday, April 24**

Sweet Honey in the Rock, 8:00 p.m., Staller Center. Five African American women join their powerful voices in the sacred music of the Black Church.

For more information on these events, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/sb/bhm.shtml](http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/bhm.shtml).



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*Celebrating  
Asian & American  
Cultures*

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesdays: March 2, 9, 16, and 23**

"To Sing, To Dance, To Live! Indian Popular Cinema Series": In celebration of Women's History Month, this series of popular films from India reveals the complexity, power, and humanity of women. March 2: *Mother India*; March 9: *Dil Se*; March 16: *Laaja*; March 23: *Devdas*. 7:00 p.m. Wang Center Theatre. Admission: \$5 general, students free.

**Wednesday, March 3**

"Why Should Guys Have All the Fun?": Find out how the prominent Asian American international businesswoman, Loida Nicolas Lewis, succeeds in business. A reception will follow. 12:45 p.m., Wang Center Theatre.

**Thursday, March 4**

"My Heart is in the East: Celebrating Asian Jewish Cultures": Experience the fusion of Asian and Jewish cultures from Iraq, India, and Iran, through film, a lecture, food, and music. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Wang Center Theatre, two films will be shown: *Searching for Baghdad: A Daughter's Journey* and *Bombay Jews*. At 5:30 p.m. in the Theatre, Dr. Houman Sarshar will lecture on "Esther's Children: The Jews of Iran." He is the author of a book by the same title. Sample Sephardic Jewish foods from different countries at "A Taste of Jewish Asia" from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Theatre Lobby. Divahn, an all-female ensemble, will perform Sephardic Jewish music of Asia and the Near East at 8:00 p.m. in the Theatre. General admission for the concert is \$10, students are admitted free of charge.

For more information about these events, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/wang](http://www.stonybrook.edu/wang) or call 632-4400. The Wang Center is open to the public Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with Asian food available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Theatre Arts Production

**Six Characters in Search of an Author: March 4-7 and 11-14**

In writing *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, Nobel Prize winner Luigi Pirandello created his most popular and controversial work. With the appearance of six incomplete characters upon the stage and their demand to have their story finished, Pirandello stretched the resources of drama to its limits. Instead of labeling him a dramatist or novelist of ideas, his whole work can be described more aptly as an exploration of consciousness to the realms of illusion and reality.

*Six Characters in Search of an Author*, directed by Deborah Mayo, will be performed Thursday through Sunday, March 4 to 7, and March 11 to 14, in Theatre 2 at the Staller Center. Sunday shows are at 2:00 p.m., all others are at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 students, \$8 faculty/staff, and \$10 general. For tickets, call the Staller Box Office at 632-ARTS. For more information, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/theatrearts](http://www.stonybrook.edu/theatrearts).

## Call for Abstracts

**Deadline: March 10**

The annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creativity will be held on Wednesday, April 21, featuring undergraduate research posters and oral presentations, musical performances, and art exhibits. To participate, students must complete a form (available from the URECA Office, N-3005 Melville Library, or at [www.stonybrook.edu/ureca](http://www.stonybrook.edu/ureca)) and submit an abstract that has been approved by their faculty mentor. The Celebration provides a great opportunity for students to learn about the work of their fellow students and to gain experience in public presentation.

URECA is accepting participation forms and abstracts now through Wednesday, March 10. For more information, students and faculty should contact Karen Kernan at [Karen.Kernan@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Karen.Kernan@stonybrook.edu) or at 632-7114.

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## CALENDAR FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 12

### ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

**Now to 3/2, Tuesday. SAC Gallery Exhibit.** "Blackness" features the work of Brett Cook-Dizney. For more information, call 632-9392. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**2/28, Saturday to 4/3, Saturday. MFA Thesis Exhibition 2004.** Work by seven MFA students will be on display. Artists reception: 3/6, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-7240. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. University Art Gallery, Staller Center.

**2/28, Saturday. Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra.** The concert, with guest conductor David Stern, features the music of Haydn, Beethoven, Takemitsu, and Lutoslawski. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$16 general, \$8 students/seniors.

**3/5, Friday. Electronic Music.** The program includes electronic music sound sculptures, virtuoso instrumental performance, film, and video. For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

**3/6, Saturday. Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company.** The 11-member company's performance is a fusion of dance and theatre, with a repertoire highly diverse in subject matter and visual imagery. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$33.

**3/7, Sunday. Baroque Sundays at Three.** "Recorders and More" features Rachel Begley's ensemble performing instrumental music from the 17th and 18th centuries. For more information, call 632-7330. 3:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

**3/9, Tuesday. Children's Concert—Trills, Frills, and Spectacular Orchestral Sounds.** This one-hour concert includes highlights from favorite orchestral pieces featuring the sounds of brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 7:30 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$8 general, \$4 students/seniors.

**3/10, Wednesday. Piano Project.** Students in the piano performance program perform selected works. For more information, call 632-7330. 12:40 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

**3/12, Friday. Judy Collins.** The singer-songwriter and human rights activist presents a concert with an Irish flavor for the St. Patrick's Day season. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$37.

### SEMINARS/LECTURES

**2/26, Thursday. Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar.** Dr. Lea Harrington, University of Toronto, discusses "Different Dosage Requirements for Telomerase at Mammalian Telomeres: The Long and Short of It." 4:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

**2/27, Friday. Geology Open Night.** Cindy Lee, MSRC, discusses "Particle Fluxes in the Sea: Death, Decay, and Defecation." For more information, call 632-8200. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

**3/2, Tuesday. Humanities Institute Lecture.** Donna Haraway, University of California at Santa Cruz, discusses "From Cyborgs to Companion Species: Dogs, People, and Technoculture." For more infor-

mation, call 632-7765. 4:30 p.m. Lecture Hall 1, Wang Center.

**3/4, Thursday. Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar.** Dr. Peter Tonge, Department of Chemistry, discusses "Isoniazid and Triclosan: Tuberculosis Drug Resistance and Discovery." 4:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

**3/4, Thursday. Center for Italian Studies Lecture.** Dr. Pellegrino Manfra, CUNY, discusses "The Impact for the Euro on Italian Economy." For more information, call 632-7444. 5:30 p.m. N-5004, Melville Library.

**3/5, Friday. Astronomy Open Night.** Professor Michal Simon, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "The Next Transit of Venus." For more information, call 632-8757. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

**3/10, Wednesday. Humanities Institute Lecture.** Luyis Reygas, Rockefeller Foundation Residential Fellow for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, discusses "Symbolic Boundaries and Structural Inequalities in Latin America: Bridging the Gap." For more information, call 632-7765. 4:30 p.m. E-4340, Melville Library.

**3/10, Wednesday. Office of VP for Research Workshop.** "Getting Your Proposal Out the Door." To register, call Kris Duryea at 632-9347. 12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Room 236, SB Union.

**3/11, Thursday. Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar.** Dr. Janos Lanyi, University of California, Irvine, discusses

"Proton Transport Mechanism from Crystal Structures of the Nine State in the Bacteriorhodopsin Photocycle." 4:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

**3/11, Thursday. Humanities Institute Lecture.** Izabela Kalinowska-Blackwood, European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, discusses "Confronting Globalization: National Cinema in Poland." For more information, call 632-7765. 4:30 p.m. E-4340, Melville Library.

**3/12, Friday. The Worlds of Physics.** Professor Madappa Prakash, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "Mergers of Binary Stars: The Ultimate Heavy-Ion Experience." For more information, call 632-8757. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.



Tickets: \$5 general; \$4 students, seniors, and children 12 and under. For tickets and information, call 632-ARTS. All shows are on the Main Stage.

**2/27, Friday. Shattered Glass.** A true-life story of an eager-beaver *New Republic* writer who fabricates his stories and the discerning editor who catches him. 7:00 p.m.

**2/27, Friday. The Missing.** In 19th-century New Mexico, a father comes back home hoping to reconcile with his daughter Maggie. Maggie's daughter is kidnapped, forcing father and estranged daughter to work together to get her back. 9:00 p.m.