Mentors Sought for New York Academy of Sciences Summer Program

Each year more than seventy professional researchers at public and private institutions in the New York metropolitan area volunteer as mentors for the New York Academy of Sciences’ Science Research Training Program (SRTP). Each mentor is paired with one or more students who work in their mentors’ laboratories Monday through Thursday for eight weeks (students attend workshops at Academy headquarters on Fridays).

The Academy is attempting to expand the program by recruiting new mentors. This year it is offering mentors a one-year complimentary membership in recognition of their contributions to the program.

Only the most talented and motivated students may participate. Every attempt is made to place students with mentors in their preferred subject area. Mentors are given the final decision on student placement. All students will be entering either their junior or senior year of high school this fall. Placements have been very successful and most mentors participate in the program year after year.

The 2003 SRTP will begin with a student orientation session at the New York Academy of Sciences’ headquarters in Manhattan on June 27, and end with the student research symposium on August 20 and 21.

SRTP consists of two main components: an internship at a research institution and weekly enrichment activities held at Academy headquarters. These activities include an orientation session; workshops on experimental design, scientific writing, presentation, and debating; a career awareness event; and small group seminar discussions.

Students are expected to work at their research site Monday through Thursday, about 25–30 hours a week, from Monday, June 30 to Tuesday, August 19. Specific work hours are up to the mentor. Generally, weekly enrichment events take place on Fridays.

For more information and an application, contact Robert Engel (Graduate Studies) at rreqc@forbin.qc.edu.

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Women’s History Month Conference March 27
The Women’s Studies Program will sponsor a lecture by Alice Kessler-Harris on “Economic Citizenship: The Past and Future of a Feminist Frontier,” for the Virginia Fresel Pulmer Conference, Women’s History Month 2003, Part 2. Kessler-Harris is a professor in the History Department and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Columbia University. She is the author of numerous books, including the prize-winning In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men, and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America (2001). The conference will be held on Thursday, March 27 from 9:30 am–12 noon, on the 4th floor of the Student Union. To reserve a place for the complimentary lunch, call 3098. Students earn 1 CLIQ point for attending.

Upcoming Jewish Studies Lectures
On Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 pm, Warren Bass will discuss “U.S.-Israel Relations in an Era of Terror and Turbulence.” A senior fellow in U.S. foreign policy and Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, Bass is the author of Support Any Friend: Kennedy’s Middle East and the Making of the U.S.-Israel Alliance. Bass is a former associate editor of Foreign Affairs and a member of the magazine’s board of advisers. His articles have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, Foreign Affairs, the New Republic, the Jerusalem Report, and Slate. He has provided on-air analysis for CBS, CNN, BBC, and other networks.

On Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30 pm, Zev Garber will present a lecture on “Visions of the Other: The Auschwitz Convent Controversy.” Garber, a professor and chair of Jewish Studies at Los Angeles Valley College, is the editor-in-chief of Studies in Shoah and coeditor of Shofar. Among his publications are Methodology in the Academic Teaching of the Holocaust, Shoah: The Paradigmatic Genocide, and Perspectives on Zionism. He is also the editorial adviser to Western States Jewish History and has served as president of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (USA).

Both lectures, which will be held in LeFrak Concert Hall, are sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies and Continuing Education and are open to the public. For more information, call 5730 or visit their website at www.qc.edu/Jewish_Studies.

Poet Les Murray at Evening Readings
Les Murray, who is widely regarded as Australia’s greatest poet, will read from his works on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 pm in LeFrak Hall. He is the author of many volumes of poetry, including Conscious and Verbal, Fredy Neptune, and Learning Human. Nobel Laureate Joseph Brodsky has said of Murray: “He is, quite simply, the one by whom the language lives.” Seats, available at the door, are $8. For information call 4646 or visit www.qc.edu/readings.

CUNY Research Proposals
The CUNY Faculty Development Request for Proposals is intended to widen the search for ideas for projects from faculty. Seminars and colloquia that promote innovation, especially as it relates to the improvement of teaching and learning, are especially welcome. To download the RFP form in PDF format, go to: http://web.gc.cuny.edu/provost/apit/facdev/rfp/index.html. For more information, contact Stephen Brier at sbrier@gc.cuny.edu or 212-817-7290. The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, April 18 at 5 pm.

Events
A complete listing of events for the semester is available on the College’s website at www.qc.edu
24 Mon Percussion Ensemble, Michael Lipsey, director; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.
24 Mon Physics Colloquium: “Level Statistics at the Anderson Transition,” Isa Zharekeshev, Ruhr University (Bochum, Germany); Science Bldg. B326, 12 noon.
24 Mon Video Seminar: “Earth Faith,” Rev. Alan Bentz-Letts, moderator; Student Union 203, 12 noon–1 pm (for info, call 261-1550).
26 Wed Chemistry & Biochemistry Colloquium: “Growth, Characterization & Applications of Carbon Nanotubes & ZnO Nanowires,” Zhi Feng Ren, Boston College; Remsen 017, 12 noon.
27 Thu BMus Voice Students Recital; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.
27 Thu Student Recital: H.K. Sharon Kim, composition, poetry, photography; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 3 pm.
28 Fri Graduate Student Recital: Dawn Zahrulban, soprano; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 3 pm.
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