2002 CUNY Campaign Gets Under Way with “Caring Close to Home” Theme

President Jim Muyskens recently announced the launch of the 2002 Queens College Campaign for Voluntary Charitable Giving, which this year is emphasizing the theme of “Caring Close to Home.” The Campaign is dedicated to the memory of those members of the CUNY family whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001. Materials were sent out recently to all faculty and staff. Last year’s Campaign raised close to $400,000.

“You have an extraordinary range of options of where your contribution can go,” the President points out. “The 900 charitable agencies listed in your pledge booklet include services for the homeless, abused children, elderly shut-ins, troubled teens, the addicted, and many more. The CUNY Campaign is an especially effective way of making a charitable contribution as ninety-three cents of every dollar is guaranteed to go directly to the organization of your choice.”

One eligible organization that is very close to home is the Queens College Foundation (agency #1791), which uses your donations for student scholarships as well as to support academic programs.

Your contribution can go to up to four different charities of your choice, or you can designate it to go to the CUNY Campaign, which will share your pledge equally with all participating organizations.

Acting Assistant to the Provost Bob Weller, the campus coordinator for the Campaign, asks faculty and staff to use the convenient pledge forms to send a one-time check or to indicate installment contributions to be made through payroll deductions. “Traditionally,” he notes, “our campus favors the no-frills campaign, whereby our energies are focused on a simple, one-time request rather than on meetings and canvassing. Pledge forms or checks should be sent by campus mail to the CUNY Campaign by Monday, December 16.

Your donation will also entitle you to a special sweepstakes drawing, so be sure to complete the entry information on the pledge form and return it to me as soon as possible.”

You may call Bob Weller at 5780 if you did not receive the CUNY Campaign materials or if you have any questions about the Campaign.

Summerfield to Become CUNY’s First Director of Undergraduate Studies

Judith Summerfield (English) has been appointed Director of Undergraduate Studies for The City University of New York. She will assume these duties beginning with the Spring semester. Ann Cohen, who is currently the College’s Acting Dean of Institutional Advancement, will replace Summerfield and become Dean of Academic Support and Development.

“I am very excited about this new opportunity,” Summerfield said. “The CUNY position grows out of the work I’ve done in building academic programs at Queens College over the past three decades, starting with the Writing Center, the Composition Program, the Freshman Year Initiative, and Undergraduate Studies. All my research and scholarship, which has benefitted from a number of federal grants and scholarships, has been centered on improving the quality of undergraduate education, building models of excellence.

“Being asked to become the first University Director of Undergraduate Studies is an invitation for me to build on my work at Queens College, to do something about the quality of undergraduate education across the University. I want to build from the best programs already happening within CUNY, to find those local communities of practice where faculty and students are engaged in academic programs that are working and make sense.”

“Professor Summerfield’s extraordinary service to the College is known to all,” noted President Jim Muyskens. “As she leaves us to assume responsibilities for the University, she will be missed. The good news, however, is that we have the opportunity to continue to work closely with her on University-related initiatives.”

Summerfield is currently the College’s first Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Retention, a position that was created in February 2001. Before this, she had been director of the prize-winning Freshman Year Initiative,

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Studies. Students attending the lecture sponsored by Africana Union. Her talk is part of the Young Scholars’ Series at noon in Room 301 of the Student Union on Wednesday, November 18. Annella Belliard-Acosta (University of Richmond) will discuss a lecture by Visiting Professor Mariella Belliard-Acosta of the Dominican Republic “will be the topic of a lecture by Visiting Professor Mariella Belliard-Acosta (University of Richmond) on Wednesday, November 20 at noon in Room 301 of the Student Union. Her talk is part of the Young Scholars’ Series sponsored by Africana Studies. Students attending the lecture will receive one CLIQ point.

Women and Border Crossings

The Women’s Studies Program will sponsor a lecture by Ratna Kapur on “Regulating Women’s Cross-Border Movements” on Monday, November 18. Kapur, director of the Centre for Feminist Legal Research in New Delhi and a visiting professor at the CUNY Law School, will discuss the legal and sexual impact on women when they are denied the right to cross national borders. The lecture will be held in the Student Union VIP Room, Union Grill, from 12 noon - 2 pm. Complimentary lunch will be served. Students earn 1 CLIQ point for attending.

Saslow Lecture at GT Museum

“From Classical Revival to Counter-Reformation: Renaissance and Baroque Art in the Godwin-Ternbach Collection” will be the topic of a lecture by James Saslow (Art) on Tuesday, November 19 at 5 pm. It will take place in the Godwin-Ternbach Museum, located on the fourth floor of Klapper. For information call 4747 or visit www.qc.edu/art/gtmus.html.

A Look at Blacks in Cuba and the Dominican Republic

“Racial Improvement or Ambiguous Identities: Blacks in Cuba and the Dominican Republic” will be the topic of a lecture by Visiting Professor Mariella Belliard-Acosta (University of Richmond) on Wednesday, November 20 at noon in Room 301 of the Student Union. Her talk is part of the Young Scholars’ Series sponsored by Africana Studies. Students attending the lecture will receive one CLIQ point.

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which she created in 1992. FYI, which is devoted to easing students’ transition from high school to college, “has changed the dynamics of undergraduate teaching at the College.” Summerfield said. “As a result of the program, faculty began to sit in on each other’s classes, read each other’s textbooks, and try out assignments in common.” FYI was awarded the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Certificate of Excellence in Faculty Development in 1996. In 1998 Summerfield was named New York State Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Summerfield earned her B.A. in English and history and M.A. in English literature from the University of Pittsburgh, and her Ph.D. in English education from New York University. She began teaching high school students in the 1960s in Pittsburgh, and later served on the faculty of Bronx Community College, before joining the College’s English Department in 1972. She was promoted to full professor in 1994, receiving the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching that same year.

In 1992 Summerfield received a Ford Foundation Diversity Award “to re-envision the literary canon,” and has been principal investigator for back-to-back FIPSE grants for $250,000 (1993 to 2000). The second FIPSE grant, entitled “From the Margins to the Center,” was designed to bring ESL students into the College mainstream.

Summerfield is the author of books on literary studies, the culture of fairy tales, narrative theory, and composition and teaching. She is currently writing a book on the Freshman Year Initiative as a research site for re-envisioning undergraduate education.

Ann Cohen came to the College this June after spending four years as Dean of Arts and Sciences and Acting Provost at Hunter College. “We are most fortunate to have someone already with us who is clearly able to pick up the mantle from Judith,” Muyskens noted. “Ann’s breadth of experience, strong academic credentials, and interpersonal skills are just what we need to keep the momentum going and to meet the many new challenges and opportunities lying ahead. I am especially pleased that Ann has graciously agreed to take on these additional responsibilities.”

Cohen said that “by creating the Welcome Center and the Advising Center, Queens College has made a clear statement that students should have access to the information and support that will help them make the best of their education. Judith Summerfield and her excellent staff have gone further by creating a warm and helpful environment and integrating faculty and staff in careful research that guides support services as well as the highly successful FYI and honors programs. I have accepted this position with great enthusiasm, knowing that there is an excellent base and many opportunities to move forward.”

Cohen has previously been professor of political science at Illinois State University in Normal, IL, where she taught urban politics and economic development. She has conducted research on the development of urban institutions and the resulting implications for the strategies cities use to meet change. Her major areas of responsibility at the College include working with the Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs and Corporate and Foundation Relations, as well as facilitating the work of the College’s centers, the Godwin-Ternbach Museum, and the Louis Armstrong House and Archives.

Reminder About Fire Alarm Procedures

Members of the College community should be aware that when a fire alarm sounds, they are required by law (NYC Admin. Code Sect. 27-4267 and FDNYC Fire Regulations) to evacuate their building.

Everyone in the building must immediately evacuate in an orderly manner when a fire alarm sounds. Professors who have classes when an alarm is activated should direct stu-
Upcoming Jewish Studies Events

On Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 pm in LeFrak Hall, the Center for Jewish Studies’ Cinema on Sundays series will screen Hasandak (The Godfather) and Hafganot (Demonstrations), two episodes from a thirteen-part Israeli TV drama about a traditional Sephardic family from Tunisia living in Jerusalem. Commentary will be provided by Jane S. Gerber (CUNY Graduate Center). Admission is $3.

The Center will present the third event in its recently launched Biblical Archaeology Slide-Lecture Series, “Ekron of the Bible: The Rise and Fall of the Philistines,” on Monday, November 18 in LeFrak Hall at 7:30 pm. The lecture will be given by Sy Gitin, Dorot Director and Professor of Archaeology at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. Gitin has excavated in Israel at Tell Gezer, Jebel Qu’aqir, and Tel Dor. Since 1981 he has directed the long-term joint American-Israeli excavations at Tel Miqne, the Philistine capital city of Ekron. This event is free and open to the public.

“Other Than My Health I Have Nothing . . . And Today I Don’t Feel So Good!” featuring comic Bruce Smirnoff, will be the second event in the Center’s Music & Theater Performance Series on Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 pm in LeFrak Hall. Called “horribly funny” by the Los Angeles Times, Smirnoff’s acclaimed one-man show recounts dozens of true stories of missed career opportunities in the world of show biz. Admission is $10.

People

Robert Bittman (Chemistry) has won the Avanti Award in Lipids from the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, awarded for outstanding research in the area of lipids . . . Nancy Hemmes (Psychology) received the 2002 Award of Excellence for Dedication to Behavior Analysis within New York State from the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis . . . Samuel Helman (Sociology) won the National Jewish Book Award in the Jewish Thought category for When a Jew Dies. Last Spring the book received the Koret Book Award from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture . . . The National Council of Columbia Associations of Civil Service recently named Joseph Scelsa (Acting VP Institutional Development) its Man of the Year and Maria Fosco (Calandra Institute) its Woman of the Year for their work in establishing the Italian American Museum. Other members of the Calandra Institute who recently received awards are Joan Migliori (Coordinator CUNY/Italy Exchange Program), who was named to the College of Staten Island Hall of Fame, and Nancy Lippa Ziehler (Associate Director of Counseling) who received the Italian American Heritage Award from John Jay College for her work with college freshmen and for counseling survivors of the 9/11 attacks . . . Hugo M. Kaufmann (Economics) gave a lecture on “The Euro, EMU, and the Stability and Growth Pact” at the American Foreign Law Association Annual International Conference on October 26 in New York . . . Daniel Phillips (School of Music) is a member of the Orion String Quartet, the quartin-residence at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He appeared with the quartet in a program on Sunday, November 3, where he performed works by Mozart and Beethoven . . . Tarry Hum (Urban Studies) made a presentation on October 4 at a Roundtable Conference on Emerging Civil Rights Issues in the Asian American Community at Harvard University’s Civil Rights Project . . . Harold Schechter (English), an expert on serial killers, was much in demand with the recent sniper killings in the Washington area. Among other shows, he appeared on “The Today Show” (NBC), “At Large with Geraldo Rivera” (Fox News), “The O’Reilly Factor” (MSNBC), and “Fox & Friends” (Fox News).
Poetry Fest and Book Sale at Library

A Poetry Fest, featuring Hal Sirowitz, the Poet Laureate of Queens, and Stephen Stepantchev, the former Poet Laureate and Professor Emeritus of English at the College, will be held on Wednesday, November 20 at 3:30 pm in the 5th floor President’s Conference Room #2 in Rosenthal Library. It is being sponsored by the Friends of the Queens College Library.

The Friends will also be holding their semi-annual book sale November 18–21, from 9–5 pm, in the Rosenthal lobby. All proceeds go to benefit the library.

EdTech Day Planned for November 21

On Thursday, November 21 the College will be hosting EdTech Day, an all-day exposition of some of the technologies being used in the classroom by QC faculty. There will be demonstrations of BlackBoard (web-based course instruction), PowerPoint (for presentations), library technologies such as ERAS, OPAC, EJournals, EReserve, as well as web-based email. A schedule of events is available at www.qc.edu/edtech. Drop in any time between 10 am and 6 pm in Rosenthal 101A. If you have questions or comments, please email Ken Lord, Assistant to the Provost for Educational Technology, at lord@cs.qc.edu.

Upcoming Health Center Programs

- Queens College and Elmhurst Hospital Blood Drive for students and faculty. Students may come in on a walk-in basis, Monday, Nov. 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 19; faculty/staff by appointment on Mon., Nov. 18. Student Union 4th floor from 9 am–3:30 pm.

- “Nic the Habit”: Smoking cessation with author Joe Weaver. CLIQ event, in the Student Union 304, Wednesday, November 20. For more information, call 2760.

Events Calendar

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14 Thu BMus Voice Students Recital: Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.

14 Thu MA in Jazz Recital: Kim Ernest Burgie, trumpet and voice; Music Bldg., Choral Rm., 3 pm.

14 Thu Academic Senate: Kiely 170, 3:35 pm.

14 Thu Music Educators National Conference Evening Concert: Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 7:30 pm.

14–17 Thu–Sun Performance: Frank Loesser’s Guys & Dolls; Goldstein Theatre, 8 pm (Sunday, Nov. 17, 3 pm; $14, $9 with discount – also Nov. 22–24).

18–21 Mon–Thu Friends of the QC Library Fall Book Sale: Rosenthal Library Lobby, 3rd flr., 9 am–5 pm.

18 Mon Alumnae Recital: Wei-Hsien Lien, piano, Clare Liu, cello; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.

19 Tue Chamber Music Live: Pianist Gerald Robbins & Friends; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 10 am (subscription series – for info, call 3802).

19 Tue Lecture: “From Classical Revival to Counter-Reformation: Renaissance & Baroque Art,” James M. Saslow (Art); Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Klapper, 4th flr., 5 pm.


20 Wed Africana Studies Lecture: “Racial Improvement or Ambiguous Identities: Blacks in Cuba & the Dominican Republic,” Marianella Belliard-Acosta, Univ. of Richmond; Student Union 301, 12 noon.

20 Wed Chamber Music Recital: Jonathan Irving & Friends; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.

20 Wed Friends of the QC Library Poetry Festival: Rosenthal, 5th flr., President’s Conference Rm. #2, 3:30 pm (for info, call 3626).

21 Thu Faculty Recital: Michael Lipsey, percussion; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.

21 Thu MA in Jazz Recital: Ofer Shapiro, saxophone; Music Bldg., Choral Rm., 3 pm.

21 Thu Baroque Consort of New York: Andrew Saderman, director; music of Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 7:30 pm.

22 Fri Student Chamber Recital: “Italian Baroque Chamber Music”; works by Vivaldi and others; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 3 pm.

22 Fri Queens Philharmonic Orchestra: Dong-Hyun Kim, conductor; Beethoven’s Triple Concerto, Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 5; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 8 pm.

22–24 Fri–Sun Performance: Frank Loesser’s Guys & Dolls; Goldstein Theatre, 8 pm (Sunday, Nov. 24, 3 pm; $14, $9 with discount).

25 Mon Physics Colloquium: “Glass Transition & Dynamics at Polymer Surfaces,” Jonathan Sokolov, SUNY-Stony Brook; Science Bldg., B326, 12 noon.

25 Mon QC Wind Ensemble: Richard Sang, conductor; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 12 noon.

25 Mon Brass Studio Recital: David Jolley, director; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 3 pm.

26 Tue Chamber Music Live: Pianist Donald Pirone & Friends; Music Bldg., LeFrak Concert Hall, 10 am (subscription series - for info, call 3802).

27 Wed Biology Colloquium: “Regulation of Mal Gene Expression inSaccharomyces cerevisiae.” Xin Wang (Biology); Science Bldg. B137, 11 am.