

History Course, Theater Events, Rutgers Day on Tap for 2016: Happy New Year from Livingston Alumni Association

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Happy new year from the Livingston Alumni Association! While 2016 is just beginning, it's not too early to think of springtime events.

At Rutgers and other universities, "spring" means the semester beginning in January and ending in May. As part of Rutgers' 250th anniversary, the university is opening an undergraduate course on Rutgers' history to alumni. Alumni can audit the course from home, online, acting as mentors to current undergraduates throughout all of Rutgers' campuses. The course will include a unit on Livingston College history, focusing on the college's innovations in residence life and architecture. There is a cost to the course, and the deadline to register is Monday, January 11. See the [course webpage](#) for more information. By the way, I'll be among the participating alumni, numbering about three dozen as of mid-December.

For events in the actual spring, keep an eye out for details on exciting events planned for the last two weekends of April. On Saturday, April 23, LAA and other alumni associations at Rutgers-New Brunswick are sponsoring All-Alumni Theater Night, with a reception and then Livingston Theatre Company's production of Urinetown at the Livingston Student Center.

The following weekend includes [Rutgers Day](#) (Saturday, April 30), with events in New Brunswick/Piscataway, and also for the first time in Newark and Camden. The day also will include multiple New Brunswick Alumni Weekend (Reunion) events. We'd love to see you in New Brunswick, but we're also excited that Rutgers Day is being celebrated in North and South Jersey, so tell your friends.

If you didn't get a chance to check out the inspiring stories of the 2015 [Livingston College Distinguished Alumni](#) and the [Livingston Legacy Awardee](#), a polisci professor who was well-known for his intimate and thought-provoking teaching style, take a few minutes to become acquainted with:

- Robert Bertrand, Chief Engineer for CBS Radio in the New York City market.
- Kenneth Cop, Rutgers University Executive Director of Police Services / Chief of Police.
- Deborah Stokes, Curator for Education and Head of K-12 Programming at the Smithsonian Institution - Museums.
- Wilson Carey McWilliams, a distinguished political science professor at Livingston College and a prolific author who died in 2005.

You can hear about the honorees, in their own words, in short (2-minute) videos. [Spend 10 minutes or so](#) to learn how Livingston College and Rutgers inspired Rob, Kenneth, Deborah and Carey's careers and leadership. We honored all four on Nov. 10.

Relive and remember Livingston College's history by scanning through our [collection of online yearbooks](#). We believe that the collection is now complete; alas, in certain years, no yearbook was produced. Also, please consider adding your experiences to our Oral History project. Email info@livingstonalumni.org for more information.

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In Rutgers Spirit,
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