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## NEWS AND EVENTS



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#### Livingston College Monthly Update October 2005

#### Major Publications

##### Fellows

**Bonnie Firestein** (Cell Biology & Neuroscience, FAS) and colleague Linda Brzustowicz, among others, published findings in the [Public Library of Science](#) regarding a new variant of the CAPON gene (previously identified by this team) and its connection with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. [Media Relations press release](#).

#### Honors, Awards, Accomplishments

The Livingston College Summer Orientation program has won the National Orientation Directors Association's Award for Excellence in Thematic Programming for this past summer's theme, "Get the Scoop." This is the sixth time in nine years that the program, directed by Dean Robin Diamond, has been nationally recognized.

##### Fellows

- **Beth Leech** (Political Science, FAS) received the Political Organizations and Parties section's Emerging Scholar Award from the American Political Science Association. The 2003 winner of this award was Daniel Tichenor (Political Science, FAS). She was also named one of three recipients of the 2005 D. Michael Shafer Teaching and Service Excellence Award by the Rutgers Citizenship and Service Education (CASE) Program.
- **Viina Bashi** (Sociology, FAS) received a 2005-2006 Fogarty International Center of the National Institute of Health Diplomacy Fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a fellowship from the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis.
- **Alison Isenberg's** (History, FAS) book, *Downtown America: A History of the Place and the People Who Made It*, has won the Lewis Mumford prize, awarded for the best book in American city and regional planning history published between August 2003 and July 2005. Isenberg's book has been distinguished as a 2005 Honor Book by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, winner of the 2005 Ellis W. Hawley Prize from the Organization of American Historians, listed as a 2005 Choice Outstanding Academic Title, and winner of the 2005 Historic Preservation Book Prize, awarded by the Center for Historic Preservation, University of Mary Washington.

#### Academic Programs

- The [Livingston College Honors Program](#) celebrated its [25th anniversary year](#) with a series of events on October 28. Current honors students attended a luncheon, followed by a panel discussion and networking with program alumni. The evening program consisted of a dinner at the Busch Faculty Dining Room and reminscences by Professors [Abena Busia](#) (English, FAS) and [Howard McGary](#) (Philosophy, FAS). They keynote address was delivered by [Barbara Masekela](#), South African ambassador to the United States and former Livingston faculty member from 1972-1982.
- The [Honors Program](#) Colloquium's October events were:

- October 5- Film maker Luis Perego Moreno discussed his approach to documentary film making and spoke about his work in progress, "Testimony of Latin Professional Women."
- October 12 - Screening of Ingmar Bergman's "The Hour of the Wolf"
- October 19 - Trip to George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick to see *2 Lives*, directed by David Saint
- October 28 - Panel discussion with Honors Program alumni on the program's influence on their professional choices (part of the Honors Program's 25th anniversary celebration).

### Keynote and Major Conference Presentations

The second of the [2005-2006 Global Futures Symposia](#) was held October 3 in the Livingston Student Center. The speaker was [Sandra T. Barnes](#) of the University of Pennsylvania's department of anthropology, whose topic was "Africa and Global Flows: Terror, Oil, and Strategic Philanthropy." More information is available on the LC Web site:

<http://livingston.rutgers.edu/news/globalfutures/gf0506/barnes.php>. The session was coordinated by [Professor Julie Livingston](#) department of history (FAS). This year's series' theme is "[Pathways for Envisioning Power](#)."

### Fellows

Scholar in Residence [Jeff McMahan](#) (Philosophy, FAS) presented a lecture entitled "Torture: Morality and Convention" at a conference on [Torture and the War on Terror](#) on Oct. 7 at the Case Western Reserve University.

### Other Noteworthy Items - Accomplishments/Activities

#### EOF

- On October 21, eight members of the Livingston College EOF Honor Society visited with ninth- and tenth-grade students in the AVID Program at New Brunswick High School. In a lively question and answer session, the panel of EOF Honor Society members responded to questions about college life, college academics, and how to prepare for college success.
- EOF students attended the Biomedical Careers Open House Program on October 1 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, where they learned about the eight-week science enrichment summer program and attended a lecture on Pediatric Medicine and Diseases. On Oct. 28 they attended the Graduate Access Program at the Holiday Inn in Newark, a full-day conference aimed at encouraging EOF students to pursue graduate and professional degree studies.
- Students-4-Students, EOF's service organization, sponsored "Lee Denim Day" on October 7, whose purpose was to have Livingston staff and students work together to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund. The fundraising event yielded more than \$600 in donations from Livingston staff and students.

#### General

- The [Livingston Student Center's](#) (LSC) Daytime Diversions programs included Psychic readings on Oct. 10, caramel apples on Oct. 25.
- The [Livingston Theatre Company](#) staged five performances of *Little Shop of Horrors* Oct. 20-23, several of which were sell-outs.
- [LCGA](#) hosted a forum on [Transforming Undergraduate Education](#) on Oct. 25 with President McCormick, Vice President Blimling, and Professor Qualls. They also sponsored "Lunch with the Deans" October 26, an opportunity for students to sit with various deans and asked questions.
- The Commuter Program sponsored a lecture on time management on Oct. 12, a karaoke luncheon on Oct. 20. Also on Oct. 20, the group attended a performance by the [Livingston Theatre Company](#) of *Little Shop of Horrors*, preceded by a dinner at Appleby's. On Oct. 26 they went to dinner at T.G.I. Fridays, followed by a ghost tour of Rutgers. They finished out Oct. with pumpkin painting on Oct. 31.
- Livingston Program Board sponsored a trip to NYC to see *Sweet Charity* on Broadway on Oct. 14, a belly dancing workshop on Oct. 19, and Mr. & Mrs. RU Pageant on Oct. 28.
- [LOCO's](#) Halloween Show on Oct. 27 featured performances by Paulson, The Breakdown, Out Classed, and Vie Perdu.

#### Staff

Dr. Kenneth G. Roy (Director, Livingston College Counseling Services) was elected President-Elect of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards at its annual meeting in Philadelphia October 19-23. ASPPB is the regulatory association of psychology boards in Canada and the United States. He remains on the NJ State Board of Psychological Examiners.

#### Fellows

LC Fellow Emeritus Shanti Tangri read his poetry at the Somerville Public Library October 20.

### Alumni

- On October 22, the LAA attended a performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* by the [Livingston Theatre Company](#).
- The LAA held Homecoming festivities on October 29, which, in addition to the RU vs. Navy game, included an alumni reception and performances by the Liberated Gospel Choir and the Livingston Theatre Company.

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