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Livingston College Monthly Update November 2005

Livingston College hosted the last in a series of public campus forums on "Transforming Undergraduate Education," on November 15 in Lucy Stone Hall Auditorium, during which the campus community had an opportunity to discuss the Task Force on Undergraduate Education. Dean Arnold Hyndman moderated the session; President McCormick was in attendance, as were several members of the Task Force. Speakers included:

- Faculty Fellows: [T. Corey Brennan](#) (Classics, FAS), [Peter Klein](#) (Philosophy, FAS and Task Force member) and [Abena Busia](#) (English; Women's & Gender Studies; Comparative Literature, FAS)
- Students: Samantha Soren '07 (LCGA Internal Vice President) and James Boyd '07 (LCGA President)
- Alumni: Jason Goldstein '02 and Dr. Ron Glassman '81
- Staff members: Dr. Tim Grimm, Assistant Dean and Director of the Livingston Student Center, and Diane DeLauro, Assistant Director, Educational Opportunity Fund Program.

Major Publications

Fellows

[Paul Falkowski](#) (Geological Sciences, FAS; IMCS) and colleagues published "The Rise of Oxygen Over the Past 205 Million Years and the Evolution of Large Placental Mammals," in the September 30 issue of *Science*, in which they argue that the larger concentration of oxygen in the earth's atmosphere is in part responsible for the evolution of these mammals. [Media Relations Press Release](#)

Honors, Awards, Accomplishments

Fellows

[Paul Falkowski](#) (Geological Sciences, FAS; IMCS) was named Board of Governors Professor of of Geological and Marine Science on Oct. 6.

Students

Danielle H. Winter '09 of Highland Park, NJ received the Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan's Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, for her project, "We Are All Different," the culmination of which was a 45 minute educational video about coping with various learning disabilities.

Academic Programs

- Throughout the fall semester, the Livingston College's [Building Community](#) course's Colloquium has had a series of guest lectures on human rights by Rutgers faculty, including: Helen Fazio (Comparative Literature, FAS) and the following LC Fellows: [Leela Fernandes](#) and [Lisa L. Miller](#) (Political Science, FAS), and [Meredeth Turshen](#) and [Briavel Holcomb](#) (Urban Studies & Community Health, PPP).
- The [Livingston College Honors Program Colloquium's](#) November events were:
 - Speaker - Siona Benjamin, Artist (Nov. 2)

- Film - "Cries and Whispers" by Ingmar Bergman (Nov. 9)
- Play - Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, at the New Theater on Douglass (Nov. 16)

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 [Lester P. Monts](#), Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan and professor of music, whose topic was "Cultural Memory and Resolving Conflict Among the Vai People of Liberia. [Professor Nanette de Jong](#) (Music, MGSA) coordinated the lecture. This year's series' theme is "[Pathways for Envisioning Power.](#)"

Other Noteworthy Items - Accomplishments/Activities

The LC Fellows and the Livingston Student Center co-sponsored our second [Salsa Night at Livingston](#) on Nov. 8. This highly successful evening, first held in February of this year, featured the [RU Salsa Band](#), under the direction of LC Fellow [Nanette de Jong](#) (Music, MGSA), and D.J. Korenelius (aka [T. Corey Brennan](#) [Classics, FAS]). Dr. Tim Grimm and Brian Offin '05 again provided a fantastic light show to accompany the music. [Targum coverage.](#)

Fellows

[Alison Isenberg](#) (History, FAS) chaired a session organized by two of her students on Livingston campus at the New Jersey American Planning Association meeting in New Brunswick, hosted by the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. David Downs, an MCRP candidate at Bloustein, and Ricki Sablove, Ph.D. candidate in Art History, presented on the architectural and planning history of the campus. John Donnelly RC '05 and now at Melillo and Bauer Landscape Architects, presented his critique and redesign of the Collegetown plan.

EOF Program

- During the month of November, EOF sponsored two career-planning events: a medical school admissions seminar on November 1, presented by Kaplan, and a major and career planning workshop on November 17, led by Lisa Brockenbrough Sanon-Jules.
- On Nov. 21, EOF held a program on internship opportunities for students, featuring Abdulla Mirpur of the Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Career Program (which provides talented students of color an opportunity to explore exciting and challenging careers in the areas of finance, law, management, and IT). For more information, visit SEO on-line at www.seo-usa.org.
- Students-4-Students held a film and dinner event in celebration of Latin Heritage Month on Nov. 9, which included a screening of "Maria Full of Grace," accompanied by a menu of traditional dishes from the Dominican Republic, all followed by a lively dialogue about economic conditions in Latin America. Other November activities included a bake sale and coin drive, part of an ongoing effort to raise funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Admissions/Recruitment:
 - The annual EOF Open House held Nov. 1 on the Busch campus was attended by 12 invited high schools. Separate workshops were held for students and guidance counselors. Current EOF students and staff assisted with registration and served as moderators and panelists. Lewis Spears '06 was one of two student speakers who spoke to high school students, guidance counselors, EOF and Admissions staff.
 - EOF counselors Jennifer Agosto and Milagros Castillo led workshops a college fair at Perth Amboy High School on Nov. 9 hosted by the PTO at which various NJ colleges were invited to share information about their schools with parents and students. Jennifer Agosto's workshop focused on the college admissions process; Castillo's focused on writing personal statements.

General

- The [Livingston Student Center's](#) (LSC) Daytime Diversions programs included a monkey educational display on Nov. 7.
- The [Livingston Theatre Company](#) staged five performances of *Working* Nov. 17-20, several of which were sell-outs.
- The [Livingston Commuter Program](#) sponsored Snacks with the Deans on Nov. 1.
- Habitat for Humanity sponsored Scarlett Scarecrow benefit for hurricane victims on Nov. 30.
- The American Red Cross held a blood drive on Nov. 29.

Staff

Several staff members were involved in the Student Life Conference on Nov. 11 at the Busch Campus Center. Assistant Director of Residence Life Delmy Lendof-Gomez served on the coordinating committee, and she and Assistant Deans Casey Coakley and Paula Van Riper gave a workshop presentation entitled "Living/Learning and Building Community at Livingston College."

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