

NEWS AND EVENTS

Livingston College Monthly Update
May 2006

Honors, Awards, Accomplishments

Fellows

- [Abena Busia](#) (English; Women's and Gender Studies; Comparative Literature, FAS) was awarded a Fulbright Hays Grant.
- [Allen Howard](#) (History, FAS) was awarded a Fulbright Hays Grant.
- [Ousseina Alidou](#) (Africana Studies, FAS) was awarded a Rutgers Board of Trustees' Fellowship for Excellence in Research.
- [Julie Livingston](#) (History, FAS) published *Debility and the Moral Imagination* in Botswana (University of Indiana Press, 2005) and was awarded a Rutgers Board of Trustees' Fellowship for Excellence in Research.
- [Paul Falkowski](#) (Geological Sciences, FAS; Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences) was awarded the Vernadsky Medal by the European Geophysical Union.

Students

Livingston's 37th annual Commencement Convocation was held Thursday, May 18 at the [Louis Brown Athletic Center](#). Class of 2006 President Samantha N. Davis serving as the gonfalonier. Davis also presented the class gift, funds to furnish and decorate a new room in the expanded Livingston Student Center. The graduates' names were read by Dean Michelle Jefferson. Professor Leonard Bethel (Africana Studies, FAS) delivered the benediction.

Other participants were 2006 graduate Dioscia V. Williams, who performed "One Moment in Time" and Matthew J. Young '09, who sang the national anthem.

Dean Hyndman presented a posthumous degree to the family of [Kevin Apuzzio](#), a criminal justice major who was killed in the line of duty. Apuzzio, a volunteer fire fighter for the East Franklin Volunteer Fire Company and Rutgers EMS, was killed April 11 attempting to rescue an elderly resident of a burning home.

The graduating class included:

- 106 October 2005 graduates:
 - 88 B.A. degrees
 - 17 B.S. degrees
 - one dual B.A. degrees
- 157 January 2006 graduates
 - 144 B.A. degrees
 - 13 B.S. degrees
- 602 May 2006 graduates
 - 529 B.A. degrees
 - 66 B.S. degrees
 - five B.A. and B.S. degrees
 - two dual B.A. degrees

The Dean's Awards Banquet was held May 10 at the Holiday Inn in Somerset, NJ. The following awards were presented to the members of the Class of 2006:

Collegiate Awards

- Livingston College Dean's Award - **Anny K. Fernandez**
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award - **Jenna L. Sabatini**
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Transfer Students - **Rebecca S. Shata**
- Livingston Pride Award - **Keith A. Gottesman**
- Livingston College Parents Association Outstanding Senior Award - **Brian M. Offin**
- Lynne M. Kellermann Memorial Award - **Jenna L. Sabatini**

Platinum Knights Society

- Anny K. Fernandez
- Keith A. Gottesman
- Brian M. Offin
- Jenna L. Sabatini

Other Noteworthy Items - Accomplishments/Activities

Fellows

[Jeff McMahan](#) (Philosophy, FAS), LC Scholar in Residence, gave the following public lectures:

- May 30: 21st Century School Advanced Research Seminars, Oxford University: “Killing Embryos for Stem Cell Research”
 - May 30: Uehiro Center for Practical Ethics, Oxford University: “Unjust Warfare”
 - June 2: International Peace Research Institute, Oslo: “Child Soldiers”
 - June 6: Uehiro Center for Practical Ethics, Oxford University: “Just Warfare”
 - June 8: Uehiro Center for Practical Ethics, Oxford University: “Killing Civilians”
- Peter Klein (Philosophy, FAS) gave a talk in the Jowett Lecture Series at Oxford University on May 19. Dating back to the 19th century, the lecture series “provides a forum for discussion of philosophical topics for all members of the philosophy faculty at Oxford University.” The talk, titled “Infinitism’s Take on Justification, Knowledge, Certainty and Skepticism,” is a defense of his views about the structure of epistemic justification.

General

[Livingston Student Center](#)

- The LSC sponsored a training retreat for the main Livingston organizations (LCGA, Livingston’s Own Concert Organization, Livingston Program Board, Livingston Theatre Company, Livingston College Commuter Program, The Core (Radio Station) from May 11-13. Twenty-five students and five staff members attended the retreat which focused on preparing student leaders to program for next year.
- The [Livingston Theatre Company](#) presented *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, to local pre-school, elementary and middle school children on May 30, 31, and June 1.

Alumni

The [LAA](#) held Reunion May 14-16.

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