Over 200 presenters, keynote address to mark Quest April 21

In addition to more than 200 presenters from the Oswego campus community, this year’s Quest on April 21 will feature a keynote speaker known for innovative scholarly inquiry. Robert Bogdan of Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Public Affairs will speak at 2 p.m. in Room 105 of Lanigan Hall.

Quest, Oswego’s annual symposium dedicated to sharing the scholarly and creative activity of students, faculty and staff, will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lanigan Hall and Hewitt Union.

About 120 presentations are scheduled this year, said Bill Bosch, who chairs the subcommittee of the Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee that organizes Quest.

Bogdan is a distinguished professor of sociology and cultural foundations of education at SU and the co-author of widely used textbooks on qualitative research. The topic of his talk will be the topic of his most recent research, “Constructing the Worlds of Adirondack Postcard Photographers.”

“Compelling new genre”

“Through archival data, local histories, interviews and research, he renders an historically specific context and, through that, enlarges our view of the possibilities lying within the local,” said Claire Putala of Oswego’s curriculum and instruction department, also a member of the Quest subcommittee.

“Bogdan has created a compelling new genre of his own that provides insight into how the past might have looked and felt to those living and constructing it,” Putala added.

Bogdan has published widely. Among his many books are the 1988 Freak Show: Presenting Human Oddities for Amusement and Profit and Adirondack Vernacular, published last year. See ‘Quest keynote,’ page 3

Famed designer Mary McFadden to speak on campus tonight

Mary McFadden, one of the top names in the fashion and design industry, will speak at 7 p.m. tonight in Room 105 of Lanigan Hall.

Artswego and the art department co-sponsor her admission-free talk. A reception will follow.

Profiled in the 1988 book, “The High Priests of High Fashion” by Life magazine, McFadden earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fashion Week of the Americas in 2002 for international innovation in fashion and design. She has served as president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, received the first-ever “Living Landmark” for excellence in design from the New York Landmarks Conservatory, earned a Neiman Marcus Award of Excellence and was enshrined in the Coty Hall of Fame and the Best-Dressed List Hall of Fame.

The designer’s visit to campus comes through a friendship with Evgeny Steiner, a visiting associate professor in the college’s art department. Steiner said he mentioned a course he teaches this semester on Chinese art and McFadden expressed an interest in sitting in on the class. “I thought it would be interesting for my students if she would talk to the class,” Steiner said of McFadden, who is no stranger to giving lectures around the world. He then inquired about having her give an informal talk to a broader audience while she was on campus.

New biochemistry major at Oswego formulated to make students, college more marketable

The recent state approval for Oswego to offer a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry will help make both the college and its students more marketable in the future.

While Oswego already had a track in biochemistry, the upgrade to a full major will offer many benefits, explained Kestas Bendinskas, an assistant professor of chemistry who played an active part in the process. The college was able to have the request fast-tracked because its requirements are already more stringent than what American Chemical Society accreditation requires.

“It’s a very good major for people who want to go into the medical profession, the pharmaceutical industry or biotechnology,” Bendinskas said. Making biochemistry a full major will benefit students looking for employment in this growing field, he added.

“There are 10 students in the track. When we received the news that this was approved, they high-fived in my classroom,” Bendinskas said. “That was the biggest reward for me, knowing that the students were happy.”

Three students — Dawn Harle, Matthew Jones and Jennifer Novak — will graduate in May with the new degree because they will meet the requirements. Having the degree in biochemistry “is going to look so much better than just being a chemistry major with a biochemistry track,” said Harle, who hails from Schuykill Haven, Pa.

Jones will take his degree to a position as a research scientist for the New York State Department of Health at the Arbovirus Laboratory near his native Albany. “I started there from an internship. From the work I did there, they wanted me full time when I graduated,” he said.

Novak, of Rotterdam, said she has always had an interest in health care because her mother is a registered nurse. “When I found out Oswego offered biochemistry, it was the biggest reward for me, knowing that the students were happy.”

Provost’s retreat April 17 aims to develop strategies to promote learning, culture change

A provost’s retreat is scheduled for April 17 that will engage a range of people on campus in an attempt to more purposefully shape campus culture in a direction that supports student learning.

The retreat, in Hewitt Union, will include the college’s academic leadership from Interim Provost David King to chairs and directors of academic programs, governance leadership, and a selection of junior faculty, students and representatives of the college’s student affairs staff.

A similar but smaller retreat in January involving an environment that encourages intellectual achievement without alienating any subgroup.

Removing obstacles

“The major obstacle to student learning is social, not intellectual,” writes Kuh, who argues that some institutions are more successful than others in creating an environment that encourages intellectual achievement without alienating any subgroup.

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College trends

What’s hot, what’s not

“Graduate education choices are constantly changing, reflecting shifts in the economy as well as shifts in the interests of prospective students. Keeping track of student interest in various fields is one of the jobs of Gradschools.com, an online clearinghouse for graduate school information sponsored by Educational Directories Unlimited (www.edudirectories.com). The site features more than 58,000 graduate program listings, and tracks the top 20 curricula that are searched quarterly. ‘Most recently, psychology seems to be the focus of the greatest interest, surpassing even business in our top 20 list,’ says Lori Faunce, marketing manager of Gradschools.com. (She points to distression with the business sector, and the growing prevalence of psychopharmacologicals in society, as two possible drivers of the trend.) In the site’s latest survey, clinical psychology was followed in order of interest by electrical engineering, social work, school psychology, and mental health therapy. Business administration, once considered the ‘most practical’ of graduate degrees, showed up in the number seven spot. ‘Business is usually number one, but it has fallen out of the top five,’ says Faunce. ‘Another trend we see is that a lot of the technology-based schools like computer science and information technology have fallen.’ she says.

— University Business, March 5, 2004

Groups to study admissions

“Using state open record laws, three national organizations are demanding that public universities disclose how they use race and ethnicity in their admissions decisions. So far the groups have sent letters to universities in 20 states asking for specific admissions information, including the extent to which an applicant’s race or ethnicity factors into decisions and whether targets or quotas are set for certain racial or ethnic groups. The National Association of Scholars, working with the Center for Individual Rights and the Center for Equal Opportunity will analyze the data. Should any university’s policies look questionable, they will be raising complaints with the Justice Department or the Education Department’s Office of Civil Rights.”

— EdLines, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, March 26, 2004

Federal scrutiny for teacher prep

“Congress recently mandated creating a nation-wide system of oversight every teacher preparation program, detailing their academic content and field experiences. The catalog, which was included in a fiscal year 2004 appropriations bill, will integrate data on the consistency of required coursework, how reading and math are taught, and the degree to which programs are aligned with scientific evidence on the subjects. The National Council for the Social Studies will likely carry out the $1.5 million project, which is expected to take several years to complete.”

— EdLines, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, March 12, 2004

Cruel college squeeze

“This is rapidly becoming the unequal opportuni- ty society. Yoama people face a double whammy. Colleges are harder to get into, and only the well-off can afford a college education these days. The numbers could not be more clear. A mere 4.5 percent of young people from the lowest income quartile get a B.A. degree by the age of 24; 12 percent from the next quartile get one; 25 percent from the third, and 31 percent of students in the top quartile. Could it be that America is now regenerating higher education, only this time not by color but by class?”

— U.S. News & World Report, March 8, 2004

Twenty-two Oswego students will be included in the 2004 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They will be honored at a campus reception in April. They are Victoria Baldwin, Kristin Beck, Dawn Delahoy, Julie Dougall, Adam Fitchner, Lynn Halloran, Jason Holder, Scott Jones, Kellie McGuire, Susan McWilliams, David Moore, Amy O’Brien, Amanda Parker, Amy Pollock, Kaelyn Rich, Kyle Schultz, Julie Silverstein, Emily Southworth, Jeffrey Storch, Lauren Vesenauer, Lisa Wallace and Daniel Williams. A campus nominating committee and editors of the Who’s Who directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Linda Rae Markert, dean of the School of Edu- cation, published a refereed chapter titled “Ethics in a Culturally Diverse Technological World” in the book Ethics for Citizenship in a Technological World, edited by Roger B. Hill. For the Council on Technol- ogy Teacher Education and published this year by Glencoe-McGraw Hill. She explores perspectives of other cultures along with the ways in which associated ethics have impacted technological development. She was one of the book’s 17 authors who were recognized at the CITE’s annual yearbook luncheon held during the 63rd conference of the International Technology Education Association on March 19 in Albuquerque.

Three members of the political science depart- ment participated on the program of the 45th annual convention of the International Studies Association in Montreal, held March 17 to 20. Walter Opello presented a paper titled “Remnants of Early Competi- tors to the State: Toward a Theory of State System Transformations.” Steve Ronen presented a paper titled "Democracy and Making Peace with the Glob- al" and was the discussant on the panel dedicated to historical states and states systems. Craig Warkeint was presented a paper titled “Flys in the Ointment: Inter- national Terrorists and Global Civil Society” and was the discussant on a panel dedicated to the theme of transnational activism in global politics.

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Newspaper executive to address convocation

Michelle K. Rea, the executive director of the New York Press Association, will speak at Honors Convocation at 10:30 a.m. April 21 in the Hewitt Union ballroom.

The annual Honors Convocation is sponsored by Vega, the women’s honor society, and takes place during Quest, a daylong symposium dedicated to the scholarly pursuits of faculty, staff and students.

The ceremony recognizes academic excellence throughout campus. Outstanding students are chosen from each department based on specific criteria. This year, about 100 students will be recognized for their achievements.

The New York Press Association is the trade association representing more than 750 weekly community, ethnic, business, religious and alternative newspapers, both paid and free, in New York state. NYPAs newspapers have a combined readership of more than 11 million adults each week. As executive director of the association, Rea also heads its advertising subsidiary, the New York Press Service, and its foundation, the New York Press Association Foundation.

Industry resource

NYPAs foundation provides paid summer internships for college students, fellowships for working members of the press, and on-site and regional training opportunities for newspaper employees. Last year, two current senior journalism majors at Oswego, Dawn Lawrence and Cortney McMahon, earned paid summer internships through the press association.

In 1997, the NYPAs Foundation provided seed money to establish the Center for Community Journalism at SUNY Oswego. The Foundation also sponsors annual contests and training programs for high school and college newspaper staff and their advisors.

Before joining NYPAs in 1992, Rea worked for daily newspapers, including eight years as director of promotion and marketing research, and later, seven years as director of advertising and marketing. She spent two years with the American Red Cross as director of resource development and communications.

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Provost’s retreat

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At the conclusion of the Provost’s Council retreat in January, participants discussed possible strategies for action in the future at Oswego. They noted that the initiative to expand the FirstChoice program for college students, fellowships for working members of the press, and on-site and regional training opportunities for newspaper employees. Last year, two current senior journalism majors at Oswego, Dawn Lawrence and Cortney McMahon, earned paid summer internships through the press association.

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Student’s presentation at Quest to scrutinize how reporters misuse statistics, poll numbers

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“The presentation will demonstrate how the media misuse statistics and why we should care about them using misleading statistics in the news,” Trela said.

The project has spanned both of her majors. “The topic came from my senior seminar in sociology where I did a paper on the method behind public opinion polls,” Trela said. “During that research, I found a lot of material on how the media misuse statistics and the repercussions of that. I saw the connection, liked the topic and decided to keep going with it.”

It became an independent study project with Linda Loomis in the journalism program. Loomis described Trela as “an amazingly independent student researcher” whose ideas represent “the best of both worlds: intellectual and practical.”

Informed judgments

“We, as readers, viewers, listeners and surfers, must find valuable news and information among the trivial and misleading news and information,” Loomis said. “Kimberly’s presentation will help consumers of media messages make informed judgments about current events.”

People reading stories heavy on polls and statistics need “to be aware that the statistics they hear are sometimes misleading or flawed,” Trela said. “The public puts a lot of faith in numbers because it’s something we’ve been socialized to accept. Because of that, they tend to believe numbers that aren’t true.”

Many reporters do not have backgrounds in the topics they cover and “just give the numbers they receive. They only go so far and don’t explore the issue further,” Trela said. “Then the readers just take the report as a fact and don’t do any exploration or investigation.”

Timely topic

Trela said the topic is timely in an election year when more polling data than ever make it into the news. “Pollticians will use the media to support their side and their arguments” through poll numbers and cherry-picked statistics, she said. Advocacy groups can issue alarmist information by using misleading statistics on subjects for which journalists cannot find other sources, Trela said.

With the shrinking news cycles, reporters are often in such a hurry to file stories that they do not take time to check statistics, qualify the potential for bias or include a broader context, she added.

After graduating in May, Trela plans to pursue a master’s in social science with a concentration in student affairs and diversity at SUNY Binghamton. She said Oswego’s journalism program has given her a number of life skills in interviewing, investigating and writing. “I don’t regret spending four years in journalism at all,” Trela said. — Tim Nekritz

Quest keynote

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Bogdan received a Fulbright award to teach and study at Stockholm University in 1996 and was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nigeria in the mid 1960s. His doctorate is from Syracuse University.

Talks, readings and performances by individuals and teams during Quest will range across the disciplines.

Some examples:

• In “For Entertainment Purposes Only: The Genesis of Belief,” psychology major Erin Halligan will explore rationality, deception and decision making through the lens of paranormal phenomena at 8:45 a.m. in Room 104 of Lanigan Hall.

• Robert Ballantine of the meteorology department will present a simulation of January’s snowstorm at 9 a.m. in Room 103 of Lanigan Hall.

• At 9 a.m. in Room 223 of Hewitt Union, a women’s studies panel of students will include several talks addressing what feminism is, natural versus ethical caring, the sexual double standard, how to decode gendered language, and Mexican women artists’ versions of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

• Tim Delaney of the sociology department will speak on “Upstate New York Street Gangs: Murder and Mayhem in Thruway Cities” at 10 a.m. in Room 104 of Lanigan Hall.

The program and abstracts will be available on the Web at www.oswego.edu/Quest/quest.html. Printed versions will be available on April 21 in Hewitt Union and Lanigan Hall.

— Tim Nekritz
Twelve Oswego faculty to pursue scholarly work through campus grants

Twelve faculty members have received SUNY Oswego Faculty Enhancement Grants for scholarly and creative activity to be conducted within the next year, according to Assistant Provost Michael Ameigh, who administers the program.

Eight of the projects received new faculty incentive grants, for faculty who have been at Oswego five or fewer years.

• Kestas Bendinskas, an assistant professor of chemistry, will use his grant to develop a simple, inexpensive procedure for detecting the presence of the date-rape drug gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) in common beverages.

• R. Deborah Davis, an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, will bring teachers and parents together in cross-cultural encounters in Syracuse and study how the encounters can improve instruction.

• Urag DeLaney, an assistant professor of philosophy, will work to clarify the concept of cognition and its role in emotion, proceeding on the hypothesis that the term “cognition” represents various mental capabilities that may act independently.

• Lenuta Giukin, an assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, will work on a book about surrealism in 20th-century cinema.

• Christopher Karadjov, an assistant professor of journalism, will survey journalists at small newspapers to develop a profile and outline the practices and values that guide their work.

• Songmu Han, an assistant professor of psychology, will study the effectiveness of online advertising depending on where on the screen the ad appears and the timing of its appearance.

• Neelika Jayawardane, an assistant professor of English, will travel to South Africa to identify new literature emerging there since the end of apartheid.

• Anthony Ouelette, an assistant professor of biology, will assess the presence of toxic cyanobacteria in Lake Ontario and Rice Creek.

Diverse projects

The remaining four grants for scholarly activity went to Ranjit Dighe, an assistant professor of economics; Karel Kurt-Swanger, an assistant professor of public justice; Dennis Parsons, an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction; and ima Pieraccini, a professor of communication studies.

Dighe will examine the economic history of prohibition, focusing on the role of business interests both in enacting and repealing the act banning alcohol, with an eye toward writing a book.

Kurt-Swanger will coordinate a collaborative project between faculty and undergraduates in her department that will lead to a book on public justice systems in the helping professions.

Pieraccini will complete a textbook she is co-authoring called African Americans and Latinos on Prime Time Television.

Police report

Since March 19, University Police investigated a reported armed robbery and several cases of theft, harassment and vandalism.

They made two arrests. Offices charged an 18-year-old Funnelle Hall resident and a 19-year-old Hall Hall resident with criminal possession of a forged instrument.

They are accused of scamming and altering an expired temporary parking permit.

Biochemistry major

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chemistry on top of forensic studies, it was a natural appeal to me,” she said, adding that graduating with the new biochemistry degree was a bonus.

“This hopefully will serve as a factor in attracting students stronger in science to Oswego,” Bendinskas said. “If students see the need in it, and we fulfill that need, that is the best thing we can do.”

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• Alcohol awareness noted today

Alcohol Awareness Day is observed today with a free screening and other activities, including a mock DWI arrest. The events take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the formal lounge of Hewitt Union.

Counseling professionals from the SUNY Oswego Counseling Services Center and LifeStyles Center and from the County of Oswego Council on Alcoholism and Other Addictions conduct the screening.

Participants have the opportunity to take a free, anonymous self-test about alcohol, ask counselors questions and, if appropriate, receive support or referrals for treatment services in the community. Free educational materials will be available as well.

For more information, call the Counseling Services Center at 312-4416.

Book sale to raise Pennfield funds

The Penfield Library Associates Book Sale, the largest annual fund-raiser for the campus library, will take place April 12 to 14.

Hours for the sale in the Penfield Library basement will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 12 and 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 14.

Items for sale will include used books, magazines, music and multimedia for adults and children.

Prices for the first day are $1 for hardcover books and 50 cents for paperbacks, excluding specially priced rare books and sets. Items cost half-price on the second day. The third day is “buck-a-bag day,” with the library providing bags for patrons to fill with selections.

For more information, call 312-4267.

Solo violin recital set April 18

Seung Hoe Yang, assistant professor of music, will present classical works for violin at a solo recital at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sheldon Hall ballroom.

The admission-free performance will feature works by Robert Schuman, Less Janacek, Maurice Ravel, Johannes Brahms and Claude Debussy.

Yang joined the Oswego faculty in fall 2003.

Robert Auler of the music department will provide accompaniment on the piano.

Messana enjoys diversity, vibrancy of campus

The Campus Update Spotlight shines on Beth Messana this week. A full-time secretary in the anesthesiology department in Mahar Hall, Messana has worked there since October, after being at the Office of Learning Services for the previous nine months.

Q. How would you describe your job and responsibilities?

They’re varied. I type documents, figure the budget, copy exams, draft routine correspondence, keep track of supplies — the standard secretarial things. I also hire the student workers, who do a lot of work. They really help out.

Q. What is your favorite part of working at Oswego?

There are a lot of positives to working here. The people who work here are special. The students are special. I’m a people person, so I like meeting many different kinds of people from different backgrounds. I love that there is so much to do, with the arts and the cultural events. There’s so much happening at the campus. I love the location here. . . . The lake is gorgeous. It keeps you recharged.

Working here is a real opportunity to grow as a person.

Q. What is your impression of Oswego’s students?

Most of them are great. I’ve met some really sweet, wonderful students. They work hard, they put in that extra effort, they overcome, they succeed. It’s great to see what young people are doing at only 19 or 20 years old.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

I started taking classes out here a few years ago. I like to sketch. I’ve dabbled in writing poetry. I enjoy walking. I like to garden, when I can find the time. I like to go to music and art events. There are so many things to enjoy on campus.

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

I have a niece and a nephew that I adore. I’m enjoying watching them grow up. I live in Minetto.

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• Rice Creek Ramble, April 17

• Faculty recital, April 18

• President’s Open Hour, April 19

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• Honors Convocation, April 21

• “The 1940s Radio Hour” opens, April 23

For a more complete calendar, see the Events Calendar link at http://www.oswego.edu/news.html — the News button on the college’s home page.