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Teacher education student Kelsey Seddon, a junior in the Neag School's integrated bachelor's/master program, works with Dahazia Stewart, a fourth-grader at Batchelder Elementary School in Hartford.

## Neag School of Education ranked among nation's best

BY JANICE PALMER

The Neag School of Education is not only the #1 public graduate school of education in the Northeast and on the East Coast, it is now ranked the 12th best among public universities nationwide and 21st among the 278 public and private graduate schools of education in the U.S., according to the latest review in *U.S. News & World Report*.

Also significant are the rankings of the Neag School's core programs which are individually assessed by *U.S. News*. Four of these rank among the nation's top 20: elementary education (13); secondary education (17); curriculum and instruction (19); and special education (20).

Other UConn schools ranked in the top 50 include pharmacy (29); social work (42); law (46); and business (52).

In addition to education, graduate programs ranked in the top 50 include the master of public administration program in public finance and budgeting (7); speech pathology (25); audiology (31); primary care medicine (43); master of public administration (49); environmental engineering (50); and history (51).

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## Chemistry student receives Goldwater Scholarship

Joseph Fournier, a sophomore majoring in chemistry who also plans to minor in physics and math, has been named a 2008 Goldwater Scholar.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship competition is a highly prestigious, merit-based national scholarship open to sophomores or juniors who aspire to Ph.D.s in the sciences, math, or engineering.

In the 2008 competition, 321 scholarships were awarded from a field of 1,035.

Fournier began his collegiate research career the summer before his freshman year in the lab of chemistry professor Challa Kumar, where he synthesized inorganic microspheres for possible use in medicine delivery. In spring 2007, he joined chemistry professor Robert Bohn's microwave spectroscopy group to research long-range,

non-bonded attractions.

An Eagle Scout, Fournier has been active in community service, having volunteered more than 900 hours during the past five years.

In his application, Fournier writes, "I am motivated by a desire to one day understand the inner workings of atoms and molecules and to apply this knowledge towards finding causes and cures for disease, creating efficient and clean energy sources, and developing new, advanced materials."

Each year, the University of Connecticut may nominate up to four applicants to compete for Goldwater Scholarships on the national level. This year the Office of National Scholarships and an interdisciplin-

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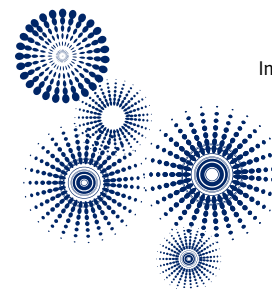
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*Michael J. Hogan*

Members of the UConn community are invited to attend the inauguration of **Michael J. Hogan** as the University's 14th president

Formal inauguration Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m., Jorgensen Auditorium  
Outdoor Festival to follow, with food, music, and entertainment on Dow Field and Fairfield Way



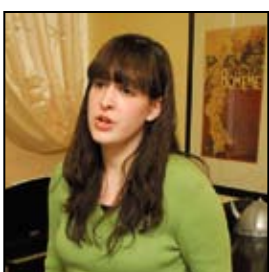
In case of bad weather, Festival events will take place in the Student Union Food Court

Saturday evening events, on April 12, include fireworks over Mirror Lake at 10:30 p.m.

All Inauguration Weekend events are without charge, and parking in the garages will be free.

For more information, visit [president.uconn.edu/inauguration/](http://president.uconn.edu/inauguration/)

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U.S. Rep. John Larson, right, speaks during a two-day symposium on sustainable energy in Rome Ballroom. From left are State Rep. Denise Merrill, State Senate President Pro Tempore Donald Williams, U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, and University President Michael J. Hogan. Other elected officials, including U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro and Speaker of the House James Amann, also attended.

## An afternoon with *New Yorker* cartoonists at Konover Auditorium, April 20

BY SUZANNE ZACK

Husband and wife Michael Maslin (SFA '76) and Liza Donnelly will discuss their careers as cartoonists at *The New Yorker* magazine and their life raising children and pets, and publishing books, in a program, "Our Lives and Hard Times." Their informal conversation, which will also cover the history of cartooning, will be moderated by UConn English professor and author Regina Barreca.

The event, sponsored by University Libraries, will take place on Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m., in Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. It is free and open to the public.

Michael Maslin has been drawing cartoons for *The New Yorker* since 1977. He is the author of four collections of cartoons, including *Mixed Company*, and, with Donnelly, is co-author of *Husbands & Wives* and *Call Me When you Reach Nirvana*.

Liza Donnelly has been a cartoonist with *The New Yorker*

since 1979. She has written and illustrated seven children's books. Her book, *Funny Ladies: The New Yorker's Greatest Women Cartoonists and Their Cartoons* (2005), and the recently released *Sex and Sensibility: Ten Women Examine the Lunacy of Love in 200 Cartoons*, will be on sale at the event, as will Barreca's recent books.

Maslin and Donnelly met and married while working at *The New Yorker* in the 1980s. They



A drawing by alumnus Michael Maslin, *New Yorker* cartoonist.

work independently, each with a unique style, offering entertaining and sharp observations on social relationships.

In connection with the event, wood sculptor John Mangan, a noted conceptual sculptural artist whose work has been exhibited at the UConn Libraries, has created a wood issue of *The New Yorker* that incorporates a cartoon image created by Michael Maslin. It will be offered in a silent auction that will end shortly after the public program on April 20.

Further information on the auction may be obtained from Linda Perrone at 860-486-0451 or Linda.Perrone@uconn.edu. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Libraries' exhibit program.

For more information about the event, go to [www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/specilib/ASC/events/Maslin\\_Donnelly\\_event.htm](http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/specilib/ASC/events/Maslin_Donnelly_event.htm)

For more information about Mangan, go to [www.johnmangan.com](http://www.johnmangan.com).

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ary faculty committee nominated three candidates, all of whom were recognized. All three are students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The others are:

Sonali Shah, a junior with a double major in molecular and cell biology and nutritional sciences and a minor in chemistry, was named a 2008 Goldwater Honorable Mention. Shah has an extensive research background, including work at the GE labs, where

she contributed data for the patent of the company's DNA amplification kit. After she graduates from UConn in 2009, she plans to enter an MD/Ph.D. program to research diabetes in hopes of finding clinical applications for new treatments and perhaps even a cure.

Also a 2008 Goldwater Honorable Mention, Michael Abramczyk is a sophomore with a double major in physics and philosophy. Abramczyk studies lattice quan-

tum chromodynamics (QCD) with physics professor Tom Blum, and plans eventually to obtain his Ph.D. exploring physics on both the macro and microscopic levels. He was recently awarded a Summer Undergraduate Research Fund grant with Greg Petropoulos for their project, "The Calculation of the Neutron Electric Dipole Moment in QCD."

## Promotion, tenure forum scheduled for April 18

Faculty and administrators are encouraged to attend a forum on promotion, tenure, and reappointment (PTR) on Friday, April 18, from 3 to 5 p.m., in Shippee Dining Hall, 1288 Storrs Road.

The event is sponsored by the Faculty Standards Committee of the University Senate.

The forum will include a session outlining PTR procedures led by Provost Peter J. Nicholls, Vice Provost Suman Singha, and Vice Provost Ronald Taylor.

Topics to be addressed during this session include: What are the milestones in the PTR process? How does UConn reappoint, promote, and grant tenure to faculty members? and What is the nature of the PTR review by the department, school or college or center, and the provost?

Breakout sessions will follow, outlining the PTR process specific to each school or college or center.

These will be led by the dean or the dean's designee.

There will also be an alternate session on mid-point and final PTR reviews, led by Singha and Taylor.

The forum is intended as an information session to reduce anxiety about PTR and promote understanding of the details of the process and the resources available.

It will be particularly valuable for non-tenured assistant or associate faculty, but is open to any faculty, administrator, or PTR committee member who wants to learn about the tenure and promotion process.

Refreshments will be served. Reservations are not necessary.

For more information, go to: [senate.uconn.edu/FSCminutes/PTRforum/PTRforum.htm](http://senate.uconn.edu/FSCminutes/PTRforum/PTRforum.htm)

## Promoting a civil workplace

Members of the Connecticut Employees' Union Independent (CEUI) and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) bargaining units are invited to attend an informational program on fostering a harassment-free workplace.

The event will take place on Thursday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Ballroom (Room 330). Continental breakfast will be provided at 8:30 a.m.

The program is designed to help employees learn what behaviors are and are not acceptable in the

workplace, and what options are available in the event of bullying, harassment, or discrimination.

The event is sponsored by AFSCME (NP-3, administrative, clerical), Human Resources, the Women's center, CEUI (NP-2, maintenance and service), the Office of Diversity and Equity, and the Office of Audit, Compliance, and Ethics.

Attendance is permitted during an employee's normal work schedule, with permission of his or her supervisor.

For more information, call 860-486-2670.

## Volunteers sought for blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from Monday, April 7 to Friday, April 11, in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To make an appointment to donate

blood, e-mail your name, contact phone number, and the times you are available to: [ucbloodcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ucbloodcommittee@gmail.com). Appointments are scheduled at 15-minute intervals.

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# Work hard, follow your dreams, filmmaker Spike Lee tells students

BY CINDY WEISS

For a street-wise, hip filmmaker, Spike Lee had some very traditional advice for college students in his recent talk at UConn.

Work hard. Get an education. Find out what you want to do, and do it. Money is not everything.

"It is the young people who are going to have to move this country forward," Lee said.

Lee delivered the keynote address at the end of a three-day conference on the Harlem Renaissance that was organized by the Institute of African American Studies.

Lee said that as a youngster, he dreamed of being a second baseman for the New York Mets.

But when he realized that filmmaking was his forte, he abandoned his dream to be a baseball player.

He had to work very hard at filmmaking, he said. That's the advice he gives students in the filmmaking class he teaches at New York University.

"It's not going to just happen," he said.

Lee described himself as an unmotivated college student in the 1970s, ending his sophomore year at Morehouse College in Atlanta with a C+ average and "taking up space." His advisor warned him that he had to declare a major, because he had exhausted all of his electives.

He went home to Brooklyn in the summer of 1977, and using a video camera that someone had given to him, filmed what was happening – the New York City blackout, looting, and people terrorized by the "Son of Sam" serial murders.

The next fall, he declared a communications major. A faculty mentor encouraged him to turn his raw video footage into a story, and the resulting *The Last Hustle in Brooklyn* was his first film.

"That's when I decided I'd be a filmmaker," he said.

Many of his Morehouse classmates, first-generation college students, instead chose a profession that would guarantee them a job and ensure that their parents' investment in college would pay off.

"A lot of these cats chose a profession which did not bring joy to

their heart," he said.

Although he does not blame parents for wanting their children to have more than they did, he said, "If you want to be happy, do what you love."

Lee said he was lucky, because he was raised in an artistic household. His grandmother taught art for 50 years in schools in Macon and Atlanta, Ga., but she never taught a white child because of Jim Crow segregation laws.

His grandmother, whose mother had been a slave, went to college; her daughter went to college; and her grandchildren went to college, he said.

"Education – that's who we are," he said of African Americans. "We knew somehow, education would be the tool for freeing us from bondage."

Lee said peer pressure is an obstacle to success: black students who get all A's are ostracized by those hanging out on the street corner.

In addition, he said, some black women go along with popular rap lyrics that are degrading to women, saying they don't apply to anyone they know.

"That's somebody's mother and somebody's sister," he said.

Lee's latest project, to be released next October, is a film about American Negro soldiers who fought in Italy in the U.S. Army's 92nd Division Infantry in World War II. Known as the Buffalo Soldiers, they were the first black forces to fight against the Nazis in Europe.

"I wanted to show how patriotic we've been for this country, despite everything that's gone on," he said.

Lee called for more public dialog about race: "We only discuss race every five years," he said, referring to the differing black and white perspectives on the O.J. Simpson trial and the recent controversy over the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr.'s sermons.



PHOTO BY FRANK DAHLMEYER

Filmmaker Spike Lee addresses an audience at Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts March 29, part of a three-day conference on the Harlem Renaissance.

## Mathematician honored for research excellence

Evarist Giné-Masdeu, a professor of mathematics, was recently named the recipient of the 2008 Provost's Research Excellence Award.

The award recognizes excellence in research at the Storrs and regional campuses. It is open to

tenured faculty in any discipline who hold the title of University professor, professor, or associate professor.

Up to four awards are made annually. Each is accompanied by a stipend of \$2,500 to be used at the award winner's discretion in

support of his or her program of research.

Giné-Masdeu will be honored during the graduate commencement ceremony on May 10.

## UConn stem cell researchers receive state funding for work

BY DAVID BAUMAN

Nine UConn faculty members, representing disciplines including neuroscience, immunology, genetics, and molecular medicine, have been awarded \$3.3 million in state funding for human embryonic stem cell research.

Seven of the grants were awarded to scientists based at the Health Center, and two to researchers at the Center for Regenerative Biology in Storrs.

The awards were among a total of 22 grants totaling nearly \$10 million in the second round of funding announced April 1 by the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee (SCRAC), a 13-member committee in charge of developing the state's stem cell research grants-in-aid program.

"We are very pleased with the results," said Dr. Marc Lalande, chair of the Department of Genetics and Developmental Biology, associate dean for research planning and coordination at the Health Center, and director of the University's Stem Cell Institute. "We hope the research to be funded using these taxpayer monies will bring honor to the state of Connecticut."

The funding program, approved by the legislature and Gov. M. Jodi Rell in 2005, set aside \$100 million for Connecticut-based embryonic and adult stem cell research through 2015. In 2006, the committee awarded \$20 million in the first round of competitive funds for stem cell training and research programs at UConn and other Connecticut universities.

For this second round, the committee received 87 preliminary requests seeking nearly \$45 million for research projects. Proposals were submitted by Yale University, the University of Hartford, and several small biotech firms based in the state, as well as UConn.

The applications were peer reviewed by a separate group of scientists, which ranked each proposal for the state stem cell panel with respect to the ethical and scientific merit.

The state panel awarded four types of grants:

- *seed grants* of \$100,000 per year for two years to support early phases of research that is not ready for larger scale funding;
- *established investigator grants* of up to \$250,000 per year for scientists with a track record of independent research and grant support;
- *group project grants* of up to \$2 million over four years to support coordinated research among several investigators aimed at specific goals that are beyond the scope of a single laboratory;
- and *core facility awards*, intended to establish or maintain centers with the equipment and personnel necessary to operate a

core lab that will be made accessible to the state stem cell research community.

*UConn seed grant recipients:*

**Mark Carter**, Center for Regenerative Biology, Storrs

Early differentiation markers in human embryonic stem cells, \$200,000

**Laijun Lai**, Immunology, Health Center

Cytokine-induced production of transplantable hematopoietic stem cells from human embryonic stem cells, \$200,000

**Dharamainder Choudhary**, Surgery, Health Center

Differentiation of human embryonic stem cell lines to neural crest derived trabecular meshwork like cells, \$200,000

*UConn established investigator grant recipients:*

**Bruce Mayer**, Genetics & Developmental Biology, Health Center

Tyrosine phosphorylation profiles associated with self-renewal and differentiation of human embryonic stem cells, \$450,000

**Kent Morest**, Neuroscience, Health Center

Directed differentiation of embryonic stem cells into cochlear precursors for transplants as treatment of deafness, \$450,000

**Daniel Rosenberg**, Molecular Medicine, Health Center

Targeting lineage committed stem cells to damaged intestinal mucosa, \$450,000

**Xuejun Li**, Neuroscience, Health Center

Modeling motor neuron degeneration in spinal muscular atrophy using human embryonic stem cells, \$450,000

*UConn group grant recipient:*

**Theodore Rasmussen**, Center for Regenerative Biology in Storrs

Production and validation of patient-matched pluripotent cells for improved cutaneous repair, \$634,880

*UConn core grant recipient:*

**Hector Aguila**, Immunology, Health Center

In addition, a core grant was awarded to Evergen, a biotechnology company started in lab space provided by UConn's Technology Incubation Program.

The new grants bring UConn's total of state stem cell funding to \$14.4 million.

"These are leading neuroscientists and cell and developmental biologists who bring fresh perspectives and backgrounds to the field and will help determine the potential of embryonic stem cells both for understanding and treating cancers and many other diseases and for developing cell-based therapies," said Lalande. "The University is in an ideal position to advance this cutting-edge research."

# University Scholars create projects beyond typical plan of study

BY SHERRY FISHER

One student immersed herself in an 18th-century opera. Another studied sustainable agriculture in rural India. A third surveyed people in South Africa and Brazil about conservation issues.

These students are among 21 undergraduates in the University Scholars program who will graduate in May.

The highly competitive program enables students to design plans of study geared toward their special interests. Working closely with faculty advisors, they undertake learning opportunities beyond the typical plan of study, and produce a scholarly and creative project such as a work of art or a research thesis. Graduating as a University Scholar is the highest academic honor the University bestows upon undergraduates.

Julienne Pendrys' love of singing brought her to UConn, where she majors in music with a focus in vocal performance.

Pendrys is researching and performing Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's comic opera *La Serva Padrona* for her University Scholar project.

She is exploring the musical, historical, and literary context of the work, and will give an original performance. Her paper will analyze the historical context of the piece, and how that affects the performing of it.

"I wanted to do a project that could represent me as a student, and as a performer," she says. "When you research a work, you create a more insightful and informed performance. Also, performing the piece adds so much more meaning to it. It brings it to life."

*La Serva Padrona* is one of the first comic intermezzos, and one of the most famous, Pendrys says.

"Historically, intermezzos are intended to lighten the mood of an opera, and originally served as entertainment between acts. It evolved from more of a distraction while the set was being moved around to a full-fledged art form with its own dedicated time, characters, music, and plot."

The storyline, she says, is about a smart, cheeky, opinionated maid who runs the show and tries to get her master to marry her.

She adds, "I've loved the whole experience. It's amazing to be able to perform a work that I've researched so in depth."

University Scholar Monoswita Saha conducted research in India on sustainable agriculture. Saha is majoring in economics and English, with a minor in Indian Studies.

Saha was born in Calcutta but grew up in Connecticut. "All my family – except my nuclear family – lives in India," she notes. "I would go back periodically and see the changes in my home town every time. We went from brick roads to paved roads, and no malls to huge malls. I became very interested in the changes and those who were affected by them."

For the English part of her thesis, she has written a series of short stories, essays, and poetry, after interviewing people "from businessmen to illiterate maids, to taxi drivers, teachers and students," in Calcutta, Pune, and Bangalore.

Literature, says Saha, "pushes through a voice that you'll never get in a journal article. I wanted to convey the experience of the people I spoke to in a manner that a broad audience could enjoy."

The economics part of her project took her to West Bengal, where she researched sustainable living initiatives among people in rural agricultural environments

and tribal societies. She worked with the Development Research Communication Service Center, a non-governmental organization.

"The people don't have much power to say how their lives are evolving," says Saha, who speaks fluent Bengali. "I was seeing whether they had a viable model of sustainable development that would not impose things like chemical fertilizers or genetically modified seeds, and seeing if these people can still make a good living and live the way they want to."

Saha says she has learned things she would not have found in a book: "The experience has definitely influenced what I want to do for the rest of my life."

Jeffrey "Steve" Ferketic's project took him to Cape Town, South Africa, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he conducted research on conservation policy.

"There are problems in many developing countries, where there are a lot of environmental resources that need to be conserved," he says. "It's hard to balance social needs, in terms of poverty reduction, and conservation initiatives."

Ferketic, a biology and political science major, conducted research at the Macassar Dunes Conservation Area in the Cape Flats region of Cape Town, comparing the attitudes toward conservation of four key stakeholder groups: paid professional conservators, unpaid volunteer conservators, and residents from two different impoverished communities living near the conservation area.

Ferketic says he believes local communities should play a large role in the creation of conservation policy: "Conservation policy should provide the surrounding community with tangible benefits. My research tries to identify a middle ground, where both con-

servationists and the surrounding community are happy."

Ferketic says studying abroad in Cape Town during his sophomore year sparked his interest in conducting research there.

He conducted a second stakeholder analysis in Rio de Janeiro at the Cagarras Archipelago, a proposed Marine Protected Area off the coast of Ipanema Beach. There, he spoke with more than 100 fishermen, researchers, ecotourism officials, recreational users, and conservationists about how the area could be planned to provide all the groups with some tangible benefits.

He says field work was exciting: "It's a great way to get to know a city and feel that you're part of it. You get to know people from different walks of life, and see how they deal with the same problem. It was a unique learning experience."

*Pendrys, Saha, and Ferketic are among 11 University Scholars who will present their research during panel sessions on Friday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in the Student Union Theatre.*

*Pendrys will also perform La Serva Padrona on April 26 at 3 p.m. in von der Mehden Recital Hall.*



PHOTO BY PETER MORENUS

University Scholar Julienne Pendrys is coached in singing by Professor Constance Rock, not shown, and Allan Conway, adjunct instructor, at the piano.

# Faculty members feted for discoveries resulting in patents

BY DAVID BAUMAN

The University recently recognized 14 faculty members for their contributions in the area of research with potential for product development and commercialization, during the sixth annual President's patent awards dinner at the Alumni Center.

The dinner, co-hosted by President Michael J. Hogan and the Office of Technology Commercialization, recognizes an inventor, or team of inventors, for discoveries that have resulted in issued U.S. patents. In 2007, the University of Connecticut received 26 patents based on the work of faculty researchers.

"Growing research is a key element in moving this University into the top tier," said Hogan. "To do so, we need to build on the success that we've already established. Our award recipients tonight are the manifestation of that success."

The 26 patents issued to UConn in 2007 bring to 267 the total number of patents the University has received, said Mike Newborg, executive director of the Center for Science and Technology Commercialization, the University's patent and licensing office, which also works to help move inventions into the marketplace.

Of that total, more than half – 152 patents – have been issued since the year 2000, he says.

"Having patents is fine, but we get them so we can license them," Newborg added. "Of these 26 patents, 19 have already been licensed to nine different companies; and of these nine companies, four are UConn or UConn R&D start-ups and two of those are located at business incubators operated by the UConn Technology Incubation Program."

Newborg also noted that since fiscal year 2003, UConn's licensing

efforts have earned the University \$5.5 million in gross licensing revenue, of which \$1.6 million was distributed to the inventors and another \$1.3 million was returned to the schools and colleges to support additional research.

The faculty inventors who attended the awards dinner were:

Jon Goldberg, a materials scientist in the School of Dental Medicine. Goldberg was recognized for developing an opaque polymer that can replace metal wires used in braces. The technology arising from his discovery has been licensed to a UConn R&D Corp. company, New Ortho Polymers.

Michael Pikal, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences and an expert in the freeze drying process, was recognized for leading a team that discovered a way to make a specialized clotting component used to treat bleeding disorders. The technology was patented and

the Center for Science and Technology Commercialization sold UConn's future revenues from licensing the technology for \$1 million to a company – Drug Royalty – that buys revenue streams. The University's portion of the sale was used to establish a fund to support ongoing prototype development of selected technologies.

Mark Brand, a horticulturalist, was recognized for an ornamental grass he developed and propagated in the greenhouses and fields of the Department of Plant Science. Ruby Ribbons, a new variety of switch grass, has been patented and licensed to two separate ornamental breeder plant companies for wholesale production.

Paul Campagnola, a cell biologist at the Health Center and Amy Howell, a professor of chemistry, are co-inventors of a new class of molecule that can cross-link naturally occurring materials such

as proteins, lipids, and nucleic acid upon exposure to light. These photo-activators can be used to create two-dimensional matrices or three-dimensional scaffolds out of these natural materials, structures that hold promise in tissue repair therapy and wound healing.

Alexandros Makriyannis, an emeritus professor and prolific inventor, received six patents for various classes of compounds with potential to treat chronic pain and obesity. Although he is now at a Boston-based university with a large group under his direction continuing to work on these patented compounds, Makriyannis also maintains a lab at UConn. Makriyannis's compounds are licensed to a UConn start-up company, MakScientific. Some of the licensed compounds are currently being evaluated by a major pharmaceutical company for possible sublicensing.

# Butterfly atlas provides data, details about Connecticut species

BY CINDY WEISS

With a month to go before trees leaf out, it may seem early to look for butterflies in Connecticut.

But on a warm day, you might see *Nymphalis antiopa*, or Mourning Cloak, spread its yellow-bordered maroon wings in the sun.

The Mourning Cloak is often the first butterfly seen each year in the state, according to *The Connecticut Butterfly Atlas*, a colorful 376-page reference to Connecticut's 117 known butterfly species.

Jane O'Donnell, biology collections manager in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, chaired the project and edited the atlas. Co-editors were David Wagner, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and Lawrence Gall of Yale University's Peabody Museum of Natural History.

The book, published last summer by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), provides a baseline of information about the distribution of Connecticut's butterfly population.

"A lot of our endangered, threatened, and special concern species are butterflies," says O'Donnell.

The book's handy size (5 inches by 9 inches), clear descriptions, and colorful accompanying photos of butterflies in all stages of development have made it an identification tool for lepidopterists.

"It's not really a field guide, but people are using it that way," says O'Donnell.

Gathering information for the atlas took five years, beginning in



PHOTO BY FRANK DAHLMAYER

David Wagner, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, speaks with Jane O'Donnell, scientific collection manager, in the Collections Facility.

1995. Nearly every section of the state was searched for butterflies.

The project was a joint venture of the DEP, the Connecticut Entomological Society, and the Connecticut Butterfly Association, and was largely volunteer-based.

More than 350 volunteers contributed nearly 8,500 specimens or photos with accompanying data cards. The card showed the location of the find, based on U.S. Geological Survey topographical maps, the abundance of the butterfly, and 16 other information points.

All finds had to be verified by a committee of butterfly experts that included Wagner, Gall, the late

Charles Remington, curator at the Peabody Museum, and others.

Volunteers then entered the verified information into a database. Information that had been gathered before the project was also sought from institutional collections, transcribed, and entered into computer files.

The species most commonly found during the project was *Phyciodes tharos*, or Pearl Crescent, which flies close to the ground in open areas in most parts of the state. These delicate creatures – mottled orange and black with an inch-and-a-half wing span – draw nectar, but also feed at dung and

imbibe fluids from carrion, the atlas observes.

The Cabbage White, which you might find on a cabbage, kale, or cauliflower, and the tiny European Skipper (one-inch wingspan) – both non-native species – were also found to be common. The Common Ringlet, an immigrant that only became well established in the state in the '90s, also thrives here, favoring open, grassy areas.

A rarer find is the Northern Pearly Eye, which is most active at dusk and can be found at sap flows and on rotten fruit and dung.

Some of the butterflies were more challenging than others to locate. Hessel's Hairstreak, for example, lives high in the trees of Atlantic white cedar swamps and only comes down to feed in the early morning or late afternoon.

In Storrs, the Fenton River near the pumping station is "butterfly heaven" at certain times of the year. A dozen or more species can



PHOTO BY MIKE THOMAS

The Appalachian Brown, a resident of forested swamps in Connecticut.

be found there in an afternoon, O'Donnell says.

Collecting is normally not a threat to the butterfly population, she says. The atlas includes guidelines for responsible collecting, and it encourages collectors to record their observations of butterfly behavior and to make photographic records.

The atlas is a rich repository of information about each species. Their life histories were contributed by the Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. A map shows where they can be found, and a narrative describes the habitat and host plants they favor.

The next step for the project would be to create a network of people to monitor the butterfly population by walking a set transect every week and counting the butterflies they see, she says.

As Connecticut becomes more suburban and "mall-ized," butterfly habitats are lost or fragmented and species are at risk. Deer browsing is also a problem, if the deer eat host plants.

Gardeners can help by planting native host plants that butterflies like – among them, sedge grasses and wild Indigo – and by realizing that a worm found on a cabbage or broccoli plant is not necessarily a bad thing, O'Donnell says.

The prospect of keeping track of butterflies remains daunting, however.

"Even though Connecticut is a small state," she says, "there's a lot of ground to cover."

## Partnership with Egyptian university focuses on women in development

BY KAREN SINGER

UConn faculty members working on a project to enhance educational and economic opportunities for women in Egypt have laid the groundwork for the creation of a women's center at an Egyptian university.

Three of them recently returned from a trip to Menoufia University, which partnered with UConn for the project. The initiative was funded by a \$200,000 grant awarded to UConn in 2005 by the U.S. State Department to develop a program of faculty exchanges and training focused on women in development.

In March, Elizabeth Mahan, associate executive director of the Office of International Affairs, Kathryn Libal, an anthropologist and assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the School of Social Work, and Nancy Bull, associate dean of outreach and public service in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, conducted the third of three workshops at the university, which is about 44 miles north of Cairo.

Mahan, and Boris Bravo-Ureta, a professor of agricultural and resource economics and executive director of the Office of International Affairs, were co-principal investigators. Other UConn participants were associate exten-

sion educator Joseph Bonelli and Teresa McDowell, former director of the marriage and family therapy master's and doctoral programs.

Mahan says the main purpose of the project was to "address a quite significant gender gap in Egypt ... by building capacity at Menoufia University to incorporate a focus on women in the curriculum."

The first workshop, on women's rights and development, was held in November 2006. It explored the interrelationships between women's rights and human rights, and the interdependency between social, economic, cultural, po-

litical, and civil rights and gender equality and justice.

During a second workshop in March 2007 on entrepreneurship, participants came up with a concept for producing and marketing frozen vegetables.

The third workshop examined ways for women to strengthen their families and communities through collaborative action.

Libal says many of the workshop components were contributed in Arabic by Menoufia University personnel and their contacts in local communities. Bull and McDowell also helped facilitate

discussion and dialogue, contributing to positive interactions between Menoufia faculty and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). This helped further another project goal: to improve and expand the relationship between the university and NGOs, which play a pivotal role in development.

There have been other tangible results.

An NGO participant in last year's entrepreneurship workshop started a new venture, with women in his village making handbags. Other NGOs initiated micro-loan

programs for budding businesswomen.

During the grant period, several Menoufia University faculty have visited UConn, including two assistant lecturers who are earning master's degrees in international studies. Shymaa Ata is studying women's nutrition and development; Riham Moustafa is focusing on women, entrepreneurship, and development.

UConn also has benefited from the project.

Libal and Mahan, for example, prepared a special course to teach about women and development. And the interdisciplinary approach has given UConn participants a chance to interact with faculty members from other departments.

Recently, the president of Menoufia University, Abbas Ali El-Hefnawy, announced his support for a new women's center on campus, which eventually may house a women in development master's degree program.

The UConn group intends to seek additional funding to continue the collaboration with their Egyptian counterparts.

"We'd like to make the new women's center a vital and active component of Menoufia University that connects to the community," Bull says, "and work to help strengthen ties between communities and universities in Egypt."



PHOTO BY NANCY BULL

Women at Menoufia University in Egypt discuss ideas for the curriculum of a new women's center there. The discussion was part of a joint workshop between UConn and Menoufia University.

# Gear up now for Calhoun bike ride fund-raiser in June

BY MAUREEN MCGUIRE

The Health Center is gearing up for the second annual CIGNA Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride. The biking event, to benefit the Health Center's Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and Coaches vs. Cancer, a program of the American Cancer Society, will be held on June 8 in Simsbury.

The Calhoun Challenge Ride includes courses of 10, 25, and 50 miles, each of which covers a mix of flat and hilly terrain. The event will be led again this year by Jim Calhoun, who completed the 50-mile course during the inaugural ride in 2007.

"This is a great event that allows participants to challenge themselves on the biking course and challenge themselves to raise funds for a very worthwhile cause," says Joyce Fritz, a longtime Health Center employee and captain of one of the two Health Center teams, the Fritz Free Riders. Fritz participated in last year's event and raised \$700.

"I've always felt a need to help



FILE PHOTO BY JANINE GELINEAU

Dr. Lori Wilson, assistant professor of surgery, men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun, and Nancy Baccaro, a nurse practitioner, took part in a rally last spring to promote the Jim Calhoun Challenge Ride.

people. Riding in this event is a way all of us can pitch in and make the world a better place," says Fritz, who will train for the June event by logging an average of 50 miles per week on her bike, including riding to and from work once the weather eases up. In the meantime,

she is walking regularly, going to the gym, and taking yoga classes.

"Now is the time to take your bike to the shop for a tune-up," Fritz adds, noting that local bike shops get very busy once the spring weather arrives. "Riders want to be ready to start training

as soon as possible," she says.

Also in training now is Barbara Treadwell, a medical assistant in the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and captain of another Health Center team, the Treadwell Trekkers.

Treadwell also participated in the 2007 event, completing the 10-mile course. She says she was motivated to ride because she sees every day how compassionate, skilled care can transform the lives of people with cancer. What she didn't anticipate, however, was how the event would transform her life.

"It really jump-started my fitness routine," says Treadwell, who has lost more than 40 pounds since the first ride.

The Health Center has set a goal of attracting a total of 300 people to ride with the two teams.

"You don't have to be a Health Center employee to ride with one of our teams," says Karen Tomasko, associate director of development, University of Connecticut Foundation Inc. "In fact, we encourage people to ask their

friends, family, and neighbors to ride with us."

Tomasko says the time to start talking to friends and family about this event is now. "You want to give people time to think about this and plan accordingly. People need to factor in time to prepare for the race, as well as time to collect pledges," she says, noting that all riders are expected to raise at least \$200 in pledges and support.

Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, says, "We'd like to see the entire community participate in some fashion.

"There are several ways people can support this event," Runowicz adds. "While we'd love to see as many people ride with us as possible, people can also make donations or pledges for our riders."

To learn more about the Calhoun Challenge Ride, visit the web site [calhounride.uchc.edu](http://calhounride.uchc.edu), where you can join the Treadwell Trekkers or the Fritz Free Riders.

## Environmental safety head Frank Labato dies

BY SHERRY FISHER

Frank Labato, director of Environmental Health and Safety, died March 27 after a long illness. He was 56.

Labato, who lived in Vernon, joined the University in 1988, and worked to build a strong, organized, and centralized environmental office. He headed the chemical, biological, radiation, and occupational safety sections at the University – critically important areas that affect student, faculty, and staff safety, and the functioning of labs and many other areas at the University.

"Frank did an extraordinary job in centralizing health and safety aspects for the benefit of the entire University community," says Stefan Wawzyniecki, chemical health and safety manager. "He will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched."

Well known and respected in his field, Labato led UConn through a time of increased federal and state regulation. He was known for his thoughtful and thorough approach to complex issues.

Robert Hudd, associate vice president of public and environmental safety, says, "It has been an honor for me to work with Frank, not only because he was so professional and knowledge-

able, but also because he was a wonderful person."

Terri Dominguez, occupational health and safety manager, says Labato's "caring, respect, and great sense of humor made him a wonderful person to work for. He was a great boss and dear friend."

Business manager Janet Minor says Labato made the workplace a "home away from home. He will be missed."

Labato received a bachelor's degree from St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, and a master's degree in environmental health from the University of Massachusetts.

He was a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the Campus Safety Health and Environment Association, and the Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and liked fixing things and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rita; and his children Laura, Maria, and Kevin.

Donations in Labato's memory may be made to the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center Fund, c/o the UConn Foundation, 2390 Alumni Drive, Unit 3206, Storrs CT 06269-3206.



PHOTO BY JANICE PALMER

Marijke Kehrhahn, director of teacher education in the Neag School of Education, demonstrates TaskStream, a web-based program, to a group of visitors from the education school at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

## Graduate rankings *continued from page 1*

Although the *U.S. News* rankings serve as only one of several barometers used by the School of Education to assess its reputation and quality of its programs, Richard Schwab, dean of the Neag School, describes the findings as "very encouraging."

"We look at those ranked ahead of us, like Harvard, Michigan State, and Ohio State, and see that we're in very good company," he says.

Each year, *U.S. News* gathers opinion data from program directors, senior faculty, school superintendents, and deans to rank professional school programs. Statistical indicators supplied by each school are used to measure the quality of a school's faculty, research, and students.

"Our mission is to prepare highly qualified teachers who are capable of meeting the diverse needs of their students," Schwab says. "To have four of our key programs ranked among the country's top 20 is something we can be

extremely proud of."

The Neag School's overall ranking (21) has climbed since 2003 when it was ranked #50. Last year, it was positioned at #31.

Schwab credits the school's rise to the contributions made by his faculty and administration to help the school become more effective and efficient, and to the support it has received on several fronts.

"We've been able to heavily invest in the recruitment of top faculty and students, in improving the quality of our programs, increasing scholarship funds, and installing some of the best education technology available," Schwab says. "These advancements and more were made possible by the \$21 million gift from UConn alum Ray Neag, and by the support we've received from the University and the State of Connecticut."

The state matched the 1999 Neag gift with \$3.4 million.

Schwab believes a key factor helping to build the Neag School's

reputation is its work with public schools in Connecticut and around the country.

"Our faculty members are working in partnership with classroom teachers to conduct research, consult, and share information about best practices," he says.

Partnerships within the University are vital as well, Schwab says. Through the School's involvement in the Teachers for a New Era project led by the Carnegie Corp. of New York, the Neag School is working closely with other schools and colleges on campus to improve teacher preparation.

In addition to the new rankings, the School's doctoral program in kinesiology is ranked #1 in the nation by the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

The *U.S. News & World Report* rankings were published in the March 31 issue of its weekly magazine, and its *America's Best Graduate Schools* guidebook is available at most bookstores and online.

## CALENDAR

Monday, April 7, to Monday, April 14

Items for the weekly *Advance* Calendar are downloaded from the University's online Events Calendar. Please enter your Calendar items at: <http://events.uconn.edu/> Items must be in the database by 4 p.m. on Monday for inclusion in the issue published the following Monday. **Note:** The next Calendar will include events taking place from Monday, April 14, through Monday, April 21. Those items must be in the database by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 7. If you need special accommodations to participate in events, call 860-486-2943 (Storrs), or 860-679-3563 (Farmington), or 860-570-5130 (Law School).

## Libraries

**Homer Babbidge Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 a.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 a.m.  
**Dodd Center.** Reading Room hours: Monday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; Sunday, closed. Research Center hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed weekends.  
**Pharmacy Library.** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m.  
**Health Center Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-10 p.m.  
**Law Library.** Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m.  
**Avery Point Campus Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed weekends.  
**Greater Hartford Campus Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed.  
**Stamford Campus Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, closed.  
**Torrington Campus Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, closed.  
**Waterbury Campus Library.** Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

## University ITS

**Help Desk Hours:** Call 860-486-4357, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Ph.D. Defenses

**Monday, 4/7 – Psychology.** *Social Stories to Increase Verbal Initiations to Peers in Children with Autism and Asperger's Disorder*, by Kathleen Hanley (adv.: Bray) 3 p.m., Room 144, Gentry Building.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – English.** *"Unsuitable for Narrative": Working Women in Victorian Literature*, by Katie Peel (adv.: Marsden) 10 a.m., Room 217, CLAS Building.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Ecology & Evolutionary Biology.** *Heteropteran Adult Thoracic Endoskeleton, A Family-Level Study*, by Gail Ridge (adv.: Schaefer) Noon, Room 103, Biology/Physics Building.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Materials Science & Engineering.** *The Effects of Cationic Contamination on the Physico-Chemical Properties of Perfluoroionomer Membranes*, by Trent Molter (adv.: Reifsnider) 2 p.m., Conference Room, Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center.  
**Monday, 4/14 – Chemistry.** *Part I: Chemical Vapor Deposition and Optimization of Ceramic Coatings on Metal and Fiber Substrates. Part II: Microwave/Ultrasonic Synthesis of Metal Oxide Nanomaterials: Characterization and Applications*, by Edward Nyutu (adv.: Suib) 1 p.m., Room A304, Chemistry Building.

**Monday, 4/14 – Plant Science.** *Regulation of Surface Polysaccharides in the Bacterial Agent of the Stewart's Wilt Disease of *Pantoea Stewartii*, subsp. *Stewartii**, by Aurelien Carlier (adv.: Bodman) 1:30 p.m., Room 329, Ag-Biotech Building.

## Lectures &amp; Seminars

**Monday, 4/7 – Health & Wellness Lecture.** "Women's Cancer Prevention and Genetic Testing." Noon, Henry Low Learning Center, Main Building, Health Center.  
**Monday, 4/7 – Stamford Faculty Colloquium.** "Beyond the Classroom – Workplace Learning in Today's Business Environment," by Kevin McEvoy. Noon, GE Global Classroom, Stamford Campus.  
**Monday, 4/7 – Norman Hascoe Distinguished Lecture in Physics.** "Technologies for a Renaissance in Optical Communications," by Robert Tkach, Bell Laboratories. 4 p.m., Room P38, Gant Science Complex.  
**Tuesday, 4/8 – Stamford Faculty Colloquium.** "Induction over Strategic Agents: The Case of Credit Card Approval," by Fidan Boylu. Noon, GE Global Classroom, Stamford Campus.  
**Tuesday, 4/8 – History.** "Documenting Venture Smith Project," by Dorothea DiCecco. 1 p.m., Room 333, Waterbury Campus.  
**Tuesday, 4/8 – Social Work.** "Non-Governmental Organizations and Advocacy for Iraqi Refugees," by Elizabeth Campbell, Refugee Council USA. 4 p.m., Room 217, School of Social Work.  
**Tuesday, 4/8 – John and Valerie Rowe Lecture.** "The Answer to Cancer...," by Dr. Carolyn Runowicz. 7 p.m., Student Union Theatre.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Molecular Medicine Seminar.** "Biomarker Discovery by Quantitative and Multiplexed Analysis of Tissue Microarrays," by Dr. David Rimm. Noon, Room EGO52, Academic Research Building, Health Center.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Out-to-Lunch Lecture.** "Gay Sex in the 1970s," by Joseph Lovett. Noon, Room 403, Student Union.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Statistics Colloquium.** "Are the Space-Time Patterns of Hydro-Meteorological Processes Scale-Invariant?" by Mekonnen Gebremichael. 4 p.m., Room 344, CLAS Building.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – 'Recent Cases' Law Lecture.** A Law School course in which a different faculty member each week presents a recent case of interest. Lectures are open to the community. 5 p.m., Room 110, Chase Hall, School of Law.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Stamford Faculty Colloquium.** "Autism and Language: An Autistic Adolescent's Narrative Retellings," by Elena Levy. 5 p.m., GE Global Classroom, Stamford Campus.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Comparative Pathology Seminar.** "Molecular Screening Using Random Hexamer PCR to Detect Novel Viruses in Enteric Samples from Poultry," by Laszlo Zsak, USDA. 11 a.m., Room 001, Atwater Building.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Stamford Faculty Colloquium.** "The Globalization of New Media and Lesbian and Gay Identities in Turkey," by Serkan Gorkemli. 11:30 a.m., GE Global Classroom, Stamford Campus.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – CHIP Brown Bag Lecture.** "Antiretrovirals for Prevention: Lessons Learned and Emerging Questions," by Kenneth Mayer, Brown University. 12:30 p.m., Room 204, Ryan Building.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Teale Lecture on Nature and the Environment.** "The Heartbeat of Our Mother," by Joseph Bruchac, professional storyteller. 4 p.m., Konover Auditorium.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Luis B. Eyzaguirre Memorial Lecture.** "Invisible Traces: Race in Puerto Rican Literary Discourses," by Mayra Santos-Febres, Universidad de Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. 4-6 p.m., Student Union

Theatre.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Rainbow Center/True Colors Seminar.** "Social Protest, From the Personal to the Political: Strategies for Change." 7 p.m., Room 403, Student Union.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Undergraduate Research Symposium.** Undergraduate researchers will give brief PowerPoint presentations of their work during three panel sessions: 8:30 a.m., "Science and the Human Body," by Naomi Avery, Ryan Notti, Colin Stopper; 9:30 a.m., "Research in the World," by Jeffrey Stephen Ferketic, Allison Lemkin, Monoswita Saha; 10:30 a.m., "Political Landscapes," by Brianna Rosen, David Stueber, John Super, Adam Tarr; followed by opera scenes presented by Julienne Pendry at 11:30 a.m. Student Union Theatre.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Animal Science Seminar.** "The Effect of Stress on the Vocalizations of Captive Poultry Populations," by Ebenezer Out-Nyarko. Noon, Room 209, White Building.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Environmental Engineering Seminar.** "Empirically-Based Modeling of Radar-Rainfall

through Sunday, 5/11, *Rome, Italy and Europe* and *Marcus Garvey: The Centennial Exhibition*. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. Free admission.  
**Through Sunday, 4/20 – Alexey von Schlippe Gallery.** *The Question: "If there is a God, what one question would you ask?"* installation by Pamela Gordinier; photographs by Gretchen Higgins; paintings by Lise Lemeland; and paintings by Annelie Skoog. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Admission \$3; free for members and students.  
**Through Wednesday, 4/30 – Health Center.** *Quilting Pleasures*, cloth and paper quilting by Phyllis Small. Daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Main and Mezzanine Lobbies.  
**Through Sunday, 5/11 – Jorgensen Library.** *Remnants, Glyphs and Palimpsests*, paintings by Pamela and **Through Friday, 5/16 – Babbidge Library.** *Three Artists*, works by Judith McElhone, Jeffrey Benjamin, and Patricia Carrigan. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and prior to most events.  
**Through Friday, 5/16 – Dodd Center.** *The Ethnic American Press*, Gallery; also, *His & Hers, New Yorker Cartoons*, by Michael Maslin & Liza Donnelly, West Corridor. For hours, see Libraries section.

Tickets \$7, free with student ID.  
**Monday, 4/14 – The UConn Jazz 10tet.** Earl MacDonald, director. Featuring new, unrecorded music by Grammy Award-winning composer Jim McNeely. 8 p.m., von der Mehden Recital Hall. Tickets \$7, free with student ID.

## Sports

**Tuesday, 4/8 – Men's Tennis vs. Marist.** 3:30 p.m., UConn Tennis Courts.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Baseball vs. Rhode Island.** 3:30 p.m., J.O. Christian Field.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Softball vs. Hofstra.** 4 p.m., UConn Softball Field.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Men's Tennis vs. Holy Cross.** 3:30 p.m., UConn Tennis Courts.  
**Saturday, 4/12 – Women's Tennis vs. West Virginia.** 11 a.m., UConn Tennis Courts.  
**Saturday, 4/12 – Softball vs. St. Johns.** Noon, UConn Softball Field.  
**Sunday, 4/13 – Softball vs. Seton Hall.** Noon, UConn Softball Field.  
**Monday, 4/14 – Baseball vs. Northeastern.** 3 p.m., J.O. Christian Field.

## Potpourri

**Wednesday, 4/9 – Latin American Book Reading.** Author Mayra Santos-Febres reads passages from her book, *Nuestra Senora de la Noche*. 2-3:30 p.m., Room 438, Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center, Student Union.  
**Wednesday, 4/9 – Poetry Reading.** Poets Elizabeth Thomas and Carol Potter will read selections of their work and discuss the creative process. 6:30 p.m., Hogan Lecture Hall, Eads Building, Torrington Campus.  
**Thursday, 4/10 – Latin American Graduate and Undergraduate Student Symposium.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Room 303, Student Union.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Innovations in Education Symposium.** A forum where faculty can share their educational innovations. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., lobby, Academic Research Building, Health Center. Online registration required. For more information or to register, go to [fits.uconn.edu/symposium](http://fits.uconn.edu/symposium)  
**Friday, 4/11 – Northeast Media Literacy Conference.** "The New Media Literacies for Today's Plugged-In Generation," by Michael Wesch, Kansas State University, and author Anastasia Goodstein. 8:45 a.m.-5:10 p.m., Bishop Center.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Science and Research Forum.** Emerging Issues & Ethics in Medicine. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Konover Auditorium.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Technical Computing with MATLAB Seminar.** For faculty, researchers, students. Register at [www.mathworks.com/seminars/uconnapro8](http://www.mathworks.com/seminars/uconnapro8). 1-4:30 p.m., Room C80, ITE Building. Registration and sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Book Signing.** Author Timothy Foresman and illustrator Laura Lee Cundiff will sign copies of their book, *The Last Little Polar Bear-A Global Change Adventure Story*. 3 p.m., Room 100, Young Building.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Relay for Life at UConn.** Relay for Life is a 24-hour walk event to raise awareness and donations for the American Cancer Society. 5 p.m., CLAS Quad.  
**Friday, 4/11-Saturday, 4/12 – Frontiers in Undergraduate Research Poster Exhibition.** Highlights scholarly and creative work by about 80 undergraduates, under the guidance of faculty members. 4/11, 2-4:30 p.m.; 4/12, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Wilbur Cross South Reading Room and Rotunda.  
**Monday, 4/14 – Roundtable on Social Entrepreneurship.** Discussion of the concept of 'social entrepreneurship' with Provost Peter Nicholls, U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, Study Abroad director Ross Lewin, social entrepreneur Greg VanKirk, and philanthropist Ed Satell. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center, Room 437, Student Union.



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"Better Be Safe," by Patricia Carrigan, a work now on display in the *Three Artists* exhibit at Jorgensen Gallery.

Uncertainties," by Gabriele Villarini, University of Iowa. Noon, Room 212, Castleman Building.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Natural Resources Management & Engineering Seminar.** "Design of an Earth Operating System," by Timothy Foresman. 2 p.m., Room 100, Young Building.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Physics Colloquium.** "Finding the Length of the Emperor's Nose: A Test of Collective Knowledge," by Mark Silverman, Trinity College. 4 p.m., Room P38, Gant Science Complex.  
**Monday, 4/14 – Norman Hascoe Distinguished Lecture in Physics.** "Gold Nanoparticles, Peptides, and Electron Transfer," by Flavio Maran, University of Padova. 4 p.m., Room P38, Gant Science Complex.  
**Monday, 4/14 – Stamford Faculty Colloquium.** "Why Repealing Minimum Wage Laws Makes Sense for the Working Poor," by William Alpert. 5 p.m., GE Global Classroom, Stamford Campus.

## Exhibits

**Monday, 4/7 through Friday, 4/11 – Student Union Gallery.** Pottery show. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Room 310. Free admission.  
**Saturday, 4/12 through Sunday, 5/11 – The Benton Museum of Art.** *The 2008 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition*, opening reception 4/11, 5-7:30 p.m. Also,

**Through Wednesday, 6/11 – Celeste Le Witt Gallery.** *In the Moment*, paintings by Rita Bond; *Pubs/Structures/Large and Small*, paintings by Arthur Bredefeld. Daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Ongoing. State Museum of Natural History & Connecticut Archaeology Center.** *Human's Nature: Looking Closer at the Relationships between People and the Environment*. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday & Monday, closed. Free admission, donations welcome.

## Performing Arts

**Tuesday, 4/8 – Paul Galbraith.** Classical guitar. 7:30 p.m., Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$28-\$30. For tickets call 860-486-4226.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Beaux Arts Trio.** Piano trio. 7:30 p.m., Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$28-\$30. For tickets call 860-486-4226.  
**Friday, 4/11 – Mozart Majesty.** The Concert Choir and the Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra perform Mozart's *Requiem* and *Ave Verum Corpus*. 8 p.m., von der Mehden Recital Hall. Tickets \$7, free with student ID.  
**Saturday, 4/12 – Voices of Freedom Gospel Choir.** Lisa Clayton, director. 6 p.m., von der Mehden Recital Hall.

## Stamford Campus hosts high school conference on globalization



PHOTO BY KATHY HARRISON

Kathleen Dechant, professor-in-residence of management, leads a discussion about globalization during a conference for high school students at the Stamford Campus on March 26.

BY TOM CHIAPPETTA

Eighty-five high school students spent a day at the Stamford campus recently learning about the pros and cons of globalization.

The March 26 conference, "Globalization: A Double-Sided Coin or A Double-Edged Sword," drew

students from five Connecticut high schools. It was organized by UConn's Early College Experience program, in conjunction with the Stamford Campus, which houses the University's Center for Globalization and Commerce.

The UConn Early College

Experience (ECE) is a concurrent enrollment partnership that allows motivated students to take UConn courses at their high schools.

Every course taken through ECE is equivalent to the same course at the University, and all are taught by University-certified instructors.

This year, more than 5,100 students in 129 high schools are participating in the program.

Brian Boecherer, associate director of ECE, planned the conference to expand the reach of the program and enhance its impact on students.

The first part of the conference paired six groups of students for discussions with a UConn professor and a local business person, to hear different perspectives on globalization.

Boecherer says he wanted the students to be aware of contrasting points of view. Globalization is a highly charged topic, he says, that is often seen as either a positive force that speeds the economic sustainability of underdeveloped countries or as a negative movement that diminishes the importance of a nation and marginalizes the poor.

The students were charged with debating the merits of globalization. Boecherer asked each school to do research from the perspective of either an inter-governmental organization (IGO) – these typically favor globalization – or a particular country: these often don't support the ideology.

The presentations were judged by a four-person panel, including Boecherer and ECE director Gillian Thorne.

The Bridgeport Aquaculture School earned first place. The winners focused on environmental science in their presentation,

which took the standpoint of South Korea. The conference was particularly timely for the Bridgeport school, as several of the team members will travel to South Korea and Japan in May.

"Doing the research on South Korea, it was interesting to learn about its history and politics," said Alyssa Demico, the team leader. "It got us much more interested in their culture, which we will get to see hands on when we visit."

Morty Ortega, an associate professor of natural resources management at the Storrs campus and director of Global House, a living learning community, was one of the academic leaders for the forum.

"This was a great opportunity to bring the message to students about the environment in the international arena," he said.

A group from RHAM High School in Hebron made a presentation representing Cuba's point of view. "We had just finished a project on dictatorships," said Amy Nocton, a Spanish teacher at the school, "and this was a neat way to look at a country that we hadn't yet explored in depth."

Thorne said the globalization conference was the most ambitious event the ECE program has conducted off campus. She said this type of collaborative effort with a regional campus helps gain exposure for ECE and she expects other events to follow soon.

## Health Center Fair encourages employees to 'go green'

BY CAROLYN PENNINGTON

The Health Center's annual Health, Safety and Environment Fair had an extra dimension this year: in addition to promoting staff and patient health and safety, the event was designed to educate staff on how they can contribute to the Health Center's efforts to "go green."

More than 1,000 people attended the fair March 28.

"It was a very successful fair with a larger than expected attendance," says Pam Miles, clinical practice manager with University Dentists and one of the fair organizers. "The issue of environmental sustainability added another layer of interest and was a great way to build on our long-standing commitment to health and safety in the workplace."

Various booths offered information about biking to work, recycling at home and at work, limiting the use of paper, and reducing energy consumption. TechniArt was on hand selling a variety of energy-saving light bulbs.

Employees took advantage of the Shred-It truck by bringing in old tax forms, bank statements, and other sensitive documents. They were able to watch their papers run through the shredder and be sorted for recycling.

During the previous month, employees had been bringing in their old sneakers in support of

the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program. Collection bins were located at the entrances of all the buildings on campus and more than 1,500 pounds of used sneakers were donated, to be transported to Storrs to help build "Mt. Sneaker."

During the lunchtime program, employees heard presentations by speakers from organizations such as NuRide, the Farmington River Watershed Association, Just One Thing CT, CL&P, and RideShare.

"We hope that everyone is re-committed to making a difference in sustaining our environment, at home and at work, and is also re-dedicated to taking care of their personal well-being," says Patti Wawzyniecki, an industrial hygienist with the Office of Research Safety and one of the fair organizers.

The fair was part of a larger environmental effort by the Health Center. Last fall, the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Council was formed to help oversee environmental efforts on campus. The Council is co-chaired by Dan Penney, associate vice president of facilities, with Rich Miller, the director of environmental policy at Storrs.

Penney says a number of environmentally friendly measures are underway: "As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, we are now purchasing 12 percent of the Health

Center's energy needs from renewable resources, and there is a major lighting project underway, replacing original lighting with lights activated by room sensors."

The Council is also working with Sodexo, the Health Center's food service company, to buy more locally grown food and to limit the number of plastic and disposable plates and utensils.

The custodial department is

being encouraged to use more green cleaning products; and the grounds maintenance crews will be using more native and drought-tolerant plants in order to cut down on the need for watering.

The number of recycling bins throughout the Health Center campus has been increased, especially in the student areas. This has reduced the number of plastic – petroleum-based – garbage

liners in office areas by nearly four thousand liners.

In addition, the housekeeping department is rolling out an educational program that focuses on regulated medical waste handling, Penney says, adding that the program will enhance staff safety as well as further reduce costs by an anticipated \$40,000 in the coming year.



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Joyce Fritz, left, and Connie Cantor staff a Bike to Work booth during the Health, Safety and Environment Fair at the Health Center March 28.