

News & Announcements

Hunter College School of Nursing was awarded a certificate from the National League of Nursing designating the School a 2010-2013 Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, one of the most prestigious honors a nursing school can receive. The League cited the school for its "sustained achievements in creating environments that enhance student learning and professional development"

Faculty Honors and Awards

Linda Alcoff (Philosophy) is the co-recipient of the 2009 Frantz Fanon Prize from the Caribbean Philosophical Association for her book "Visible Identities: Race, Gender, and the Self," published by Oxford University Press. The award is given annually to a scholar whose book is recognized for making a significant contribution to Caribbean thought and for extending the pertinence of that contribution to the wider philosophical community.

Peter Carey (MFA, Creative Writing) was honored by Publishers Weekly, which chose his novel "Parrot and Olivier in America" as one of 17 works of fiction for its roundup of the best books of 2010. Amazon also put the book on its list of the Top 100 for the year, as did the *New Yorker*, *New York Magazine* and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Nancy Eng (Communication Sciences) is one of three recipients of the 2010 Caring for Children awards presented by the Coalition for Asian American children and families. The award is given to people who have made significant contribution to Asian Pacific American children, youth and families in New York City.

Marie Filbin (Biology) was inducted into the National Multiple Sclerosis Society 2010 Volunteer Hall of Fame in Scientific Researchers.

Nicholas Freudenberg (Public Health) received the 2010 Haven Emerson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Public Health Association of New York at its annual meeting on Oct. 21. It is the highest award conferred by the Public Health Association of New York, and is given to someone who has played a major role in contributing to the public health of the City of New York.



Nancy Foner (Sociology) was honored at the fifth annual conference on Race, Ethnicity and Place at Binghamton University in October, in a plenary event titled "Honoring the Contributions of Nancy Foner," for which she gave a keynote address on "Comparative Immigration and America's Racial Legacy."

Foner also won the 2010 Distinguished Career Award from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association.

Timothy Goodspeed (Economics, Public Policy) has been awarded the GTZ Public Policy Award from the International Institute of Public Finance for a paper he co-authored, titled, "Public Policies and FDI Location: Differences between Developing and Developed Countries." The award is granted to scholars who contribute to the better understanding of public policy, good governance, and institutional change and their influence on economic, social, and ecological development.

Carol Gould (Philosophy) received the 2009 David Easton Award from the American Political Science Association for her book "Globalizing Democracy and Human Rights," published by Cambridge University Press.

Victoria Luine (Psychology) was elected secretary of the Federation of Associations in Brain and Behavioral Sciences (FABBS), which consists of representatives from 23 national scientific societies and 27 universities. Its goal is to advance the sciences of the mind, brain, and behavior through government and public advocacy.



Linda Alcoff



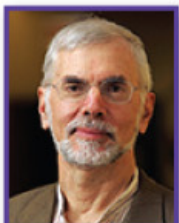
Peter Carey



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Faculty Honors and Awards (continued)

Luine also won the Society for Neurosciences Bernice Grafstein Award for outstanding accomplishments in mentoring. The award recognizes individuals dedicated to promoting women's advancement in neuroscience.

Luine was also nominated to chair the Membership Committee for the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences. OSSD works to enhance the knowledge of sex/gender differences by facilitating interdisciplinary communication and collaboration among scientists and clinicians of diverse backgrounds.

Hiroshi Matsui (Chemistry) and his colleagues discovered that peptides taken from collagen can be used to chemically bond tiny bits of material together. Once bonded, the materials eventually form themselves into a new structure, known as a super-lattice, that is three-dimensional and stable. Matsui's work has attracted the attention of the National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense, which have created a special research grant to focus on this breakthrough in the emerging field of nanotechnology.

Regina Miranda and **Vanya Quinones-Jenab** (Psychology) have won a five-year, \$2,832,356 grant from the National Institutes of Health for a program to encourage minorities and members of other underrepresented groups to pursue doctorates in the neurosciences.

Carmen Morano (Social Work) won the Association for Gerontology Education in social work Leadership Award for 2010. He was also named a fellow for the Gerontological Society of America, and named to the advisory committee on Interdisciplinary Community-based Linkages by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius.

Saad Mneimneh and **Felisa Vazquez-Abad** (Computer Science) have been named principal investigator and co-principal investigator of a two-year, \$200,000 National Science Foundation "Early Concept Grant for Exploratory Research (EAGER)" award, running from September 2010 through August 2012. The purpose of the computational biology grant is to explore combinatorial and probabilistic aspects of biological problems. The two hope to contribute transformative ideas away from mainstream approaches.

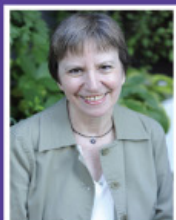
John O'Neill (Educational Foundations and Counseling) and **Purvi Sevak** (Economics) received a five-year, \$4.25 million grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research to lead a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) that will generate new knowledge about individual characteristics related to employment rates among people with disabilities. RRTC research activities will be used to improve strategies and interventions for attaining better employment outcomes for people with disabilities.

Tom Sleigh (English) was recently named CUNY Distinguished Professor. Since 2007 Sleigh has served as program director for Hunter's widely respected Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing. He is the author of seven books of poetry with an eighth scheduled for publication next year. His most recent book, *Space Walk*, published by Houghton Mifflin, won the prestigious Kingsley Tufts Award, which includes a prize of \$100,000. Sleigh's poem, "Homage to Mary Hamilton", is featured in the December 20th issue of *The New Yorker*.

Ioannis Stamos (Computer Science) has won two National Science Foundation (NSF) awards for research in computer vision and graphics. The first award, titled "RI: Small: Modeling Cities by Integrating 3D and 2D Data," was granted by the Information & Intelligent Systems division of the NSF. It runs from September 2009 to August 2012 and totals \$474,963.

The second award, titled "MSC: Sequential Classification and Detection via Markov Models in Point Clouds of Urban Scenes," was granted by the Computer and Network Systems and Mathematical Sciences divisions. It runs from September 2009 to August 2012 and totals \$379,998. This brings the total number of active NSF grants for Professor Stamos to three.

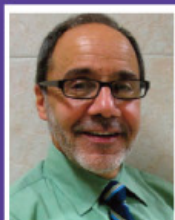
Lorna Thorpe (Public Health) was selected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors for the National Mentorship Program in Applied Chronic Disease Epidemiology to help address the shortage of technical expertise in state-level chronic disease epidemiology. She will mentor a senior chronic disease epidemiologist in a state public health department.



Carol Gould



Victoria Luine



Carmen Morano



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Vazquez-Abad



Ioannis Stamos



Lorna Thorpe

In Memoriam

Professor Bettina L. Knapp

A memorial service for Professor Emerita Bettina Liebowitz Knapp was held at Hunter on Thursday, December 16.

Professor Knapp died on August 27 at the age of 84, leaving her husband of 61 years, Russell Knapp, and their two sons. She taught at Hunter, where she was the Thomas Hunter Professor of Romance Languages and Comparative Literature, for more than 40 years, and she was also a professor at the CUNY Graduate Center. A prodigious scholar as well as a superb teacher, she was the author of more than 50 books and countless articles and essays. She wrote on myth, human psychology, religious systems, and such varied figures as Celine, Cocteau, Descartes, Emily Dickinson, Genet, Jung, Gertrude Stein, and Walt Whitman, winning a number of prestigious awards for the depth of her insights and the breadth of her knowledge.

Dr. Cecile Insdorf

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Dr. Cecile Insdorf on Thursday, August 12th. An author and scholar, Dr. Insdorf was a beloved member of the Hunter College community, where she taught courses on French language, literature, and film and advised countless students in the Department of Romance Languages for more than 30 years. Many members of the community know Cecile through her work on the leadership team of the Faculty Delegate Assembly, where she was a tireless voice for the concerns of Hunter's part-time faculty, and for the annual teaching award to part-time faculty which bears her name.

Her generosity to the College is evident in her support for the Cecile Insdorf Foreign Language Screening Room in the Chanin Language Center, and a variety of language and film programs, including the Foreign Language Film Festival, which has brought such film luminaries as Martin Scorsese, Meryl Streep, Pedro Almodovar, and Isabella Rossellini to the College.

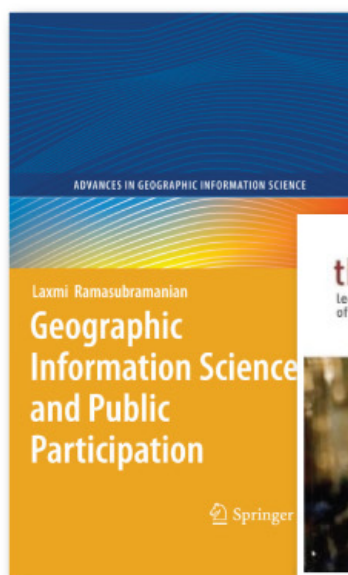
On November 17th, in collaboration with the Department of Romance Languages, Hunter hosted a memorial service for Cecile.

Must Reads: Faculty Publications

Paul A. Kurzman (Social Work) has co-authored a new book, "Union Contributions to Labor Welfare Policy and Practice: Past, Present and Future" (Routledge, 2010). The book, Kurzman's eighth, is his fifth in his area of specialization, the world of work. It focuses on the contributions of organized labor in the development and evolution of workplace human services in America and countries around the world. He was also appointed editor in chief of the Journal of Teaching in Social Work, a quarterly periodical of the social work profession. The peer-reviewed journal, published quarterly was founded in 1987 by Professor Florence Vigilante and the former Social Work dean, Harold Lewis.

Gustavo Mercado (Film and Media) published the book, "The Filmmaker's Eye: Learning and Breaking the Rules of Cinematic Composition" (Focal Press). It combines conceptual and practical instruction on creating polished images for film and video with the technical know-how to achieve them. With hundreds of full-color examples, it is a guide to becoming a visual storyteller through effective choices for shots.

Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Affairs and Planning) has published a book, "Geographic Information Science and Public Participation" (Springer Verlag, Heidelberg, Germany).



On the Go

Martha Bragin (Social Work) presented at the United Nations on Oct. 1 to an audience of representatives of member states, donors and NGOs at the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) conference on MHPSS in Emergency settings. Her talk focused on survivor-centered interventions during and after armed conflict.

Don Hernandez (Sociology) presented at a congressional briefing on children in the recession in Washington, DC on Nov. 17.

Terry Mizrahi (Social Work) presented the Margo Shutz Gordon Special Lecture at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare on Oct. 1. The topic: "Social Work Advocacy: Linking Clinical and Community Practice."

Jack Caravanos (Environmental and Occupational Health Science) was asked to join the Science Advisory Board of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

In Print and On the Air

Philip Alcabes (Urban Public Health) appeared on The Takeaway on WNYC Radio on Nov. 18, speaking about epidemics in the context of Haiti. <http://www.thetakeaway.org/2010/nov/18/epidemics-and-politics-can-haiti-learn-history/>

William C. Agee (Art History) was a curator of an exhibition titled "Coming of Age: American Art, 1850s to 1950's," at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice from June 28 to Oct. 12. *Art Knowledge News* reviewed the exhibit.

Tracy Dennis (Psychology) was quoted in a *New York Daily News* article on Oct. 18 about violence in movies like "Jackass 3D." Violence on the screen "gives people a feeling of superiority when they see other people hurting one another," she said.

Steve Gorelick (Media Studies) wrote an op-ed piece that was published in the *Chicago Tribune* about the value of grief. He wrote: "Grief is unavoidable, and serves as a profound demonstration of the human capacity to remember pain and feel loss. What effort at peacemaking, however infused with geopolitical shrewdness,

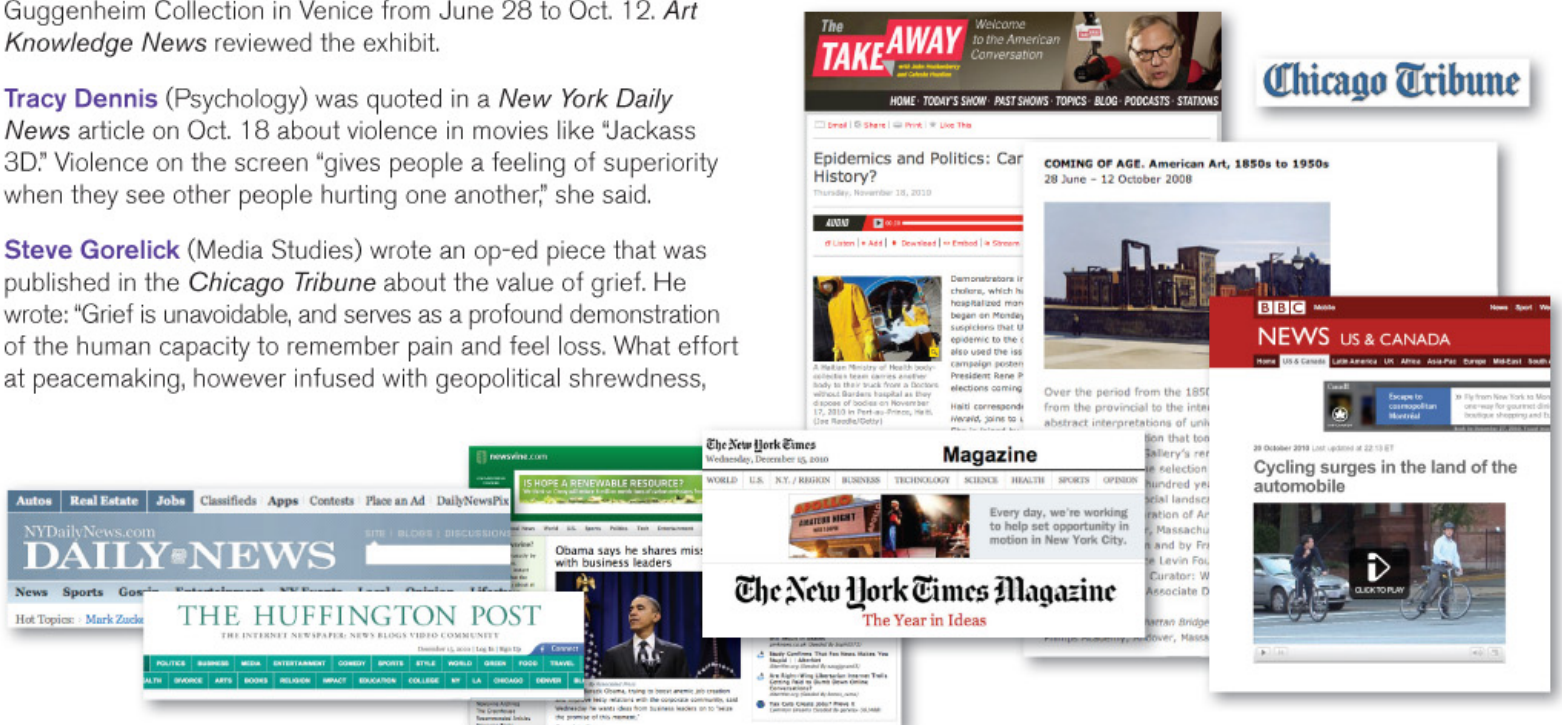
could succeed without the experience and wisdom of some who have known this kind of aching, enduring grief?"

Owen D. Gutfreund (Urban Affairs and Planning) was featured in a BBC story on Oct. 20 about bike usage in the United States. "There was an enormous American economic engine built around the continuing expanded use of the automobile," he said.

Mark E. Hauber (Psychology) was featured in a *Nature* article Oct. 13 about peer review and publishing. "The submission process is fast enough today; it's worth the effort of sending your paper to the highest journals where it belongs," he said.

Gerald P. Mallon (Social Work) was quoted in a newsvine.com piece on Oct. 19 about whether the foster care system bullies gay children. "They are the one population thrown out of their home because of who they are," he said of gay kids.

Peter Moller (Psychology) was cited as an expert by The Ethicist, Randy Cohen, in the Sunday Magazine of *The New York Times* on Sept. 16 about a class assignment involving students taking on false identities. "Based on the information provided," Moller said, he would return such a project with its research protocols to the investigator for revisions, if he were serving on the institutional review board. He added: "I have asked some of my colleagues who assign remotely similar projects. They would not 'touch the . . . assignments in question with a 10-foot pole.'"



In Print and On the Air (continued)

Jeffrey Parsons (Psychology) was quoted in a *Newsday* article on Oct. 26 about how alcoholism is linked to a person's genetic makeup, as demonstrated by a study on mice. While most addiction experts "would agree that alcoholism runs in families, I think there is still a lot of uncertainty as to whether it is genetic or environmental," he said. He was also quoted in a *New York Daily News* story Nov. 1 about alcohol dependence, saying it tends to be more masked than dependence on other drugs. "With alcohol, someone can feel like a law-abiding citizen despite the fact that they're abusing a drug," he said.

The Washington Post also drew on his expertise in an article on Nov. 18 about a crackdown on caffeinated alcoholic beverages. "Banning the pre-mix drinks is not going to stop people from figuring out how to combine energy drinks and alcohol on their own -- and probably in even more dangerous quantities and combinations," Parsons said. And in a CNN.com article about the problems posed by caffeinated alcoholic drinks, he was quoted as saying that consuming energy drinks "masks the extent of drinking in such a way that it can sneak up on people" and hide the development of patterns of alcohol abuse and dependence.

Charles Stuart Platkin (Public Health), the editor of DietDetective.com was quoted on a number of different television, radio, web and print sources for his "Airline Survey." In the survey, he ranked in-flight snacks on eight major U.S. airlines, giving carriers health scores based on the number of healthy food offerings they supply and the costs. "When you travel, you're in a situation where you're at the airline's mercy in terms of food choice," Platkin was quoted as saying in *Crain's New York Business*. "You eat when you're hungry, especially when the food is just put in front of you."

United Airlines received the highest score, four stars, for giving the healthiest options; U.S. Airways had the worst score, one and three-quarters stars. Among the news outlets reporting on the Airline Survey were "Good Morning America" on ABC News <http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/airline-snacks-airlines-serve-healthy-treats-junk-food/story?id=12288266&page=2>, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, *The Orlando Sentinel*, *aol.com*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Toledo Blade*, *The Worcester Telegram and Gazette* and others.



Andrew J. Polsky (Political Science) commented for CBS-TV on Dec. 6 about President Obama's compromise with the Republicans to end the Bush tax cuts. <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2010/12/06/obama-announces-bipartisan-pact-on-tax-cuts/>

Diana Reiss (Psychology) was quoted in an article in *The Record*, of Kitchener, Ontario, about a monkey study showing that the animals recognized themselves in a mirror, demonstrating self-awareness. "It's a very exciting finding," she said. "(Animals) share many things with us, many more things than we thought"

Reiss was also featured in a CNN broadcast discussing research on the intelligence of dolphins. "We used to think we were the only species on the planet that could think," she said. "And now, we know that we're amongst many thinking species. So, the questions are no longer can they think, but how do they think?" <http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/studentnews/11/15/transcript.tue/index.html>

Ken Sherrill (Political Science) was quoted in *Bloomberg Businessweek* on Sept. 28 as saying – in the context of the governor's race – that Republican candidates must be able to speak to the center to win in Democrat-dominated New York, because it has a "fairly significant cohort" of moderate Republicans and independents. Yahoo News and others also quoted Sherrill on Oct. 25 and at other times in the election season about anecdotal evidence of disenchantment among gay voters, and quoted him again Nov. 5 about a drop in support for Democrats among lesbian, gay and bisexual voters.

Sherrill also was cited as an expert Nov. 2 by Bloomberg News after Cuomo defeated Paladino, saying Cuomo had succeeded with a "Rose Garden strategy" of carefully managed appearances and press releases.



In Print and On the Air (continued)

Bernard Shull (Economics, professor emeritus) was featured as an expert Oct. 28 in an article in *The New York Times* about Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's reluctance to speak out on the sluggish economy, as contrasted with the outspokenness of his predecessor, Alan Greenspan. "For a long time, Alan Greenspan's pronouncements were viewed in Congress and elsewhere as if orchestrated on Mount Sinai, and there seems a consensus now that this was a mistake," he said.

Michael Steiper's (Anthropology) research was cited in an article in *Science Daily* about the evolutionary divergence of humans and chimpanzees occurring some 8 million years ago.

Charles Tien (Political Science) was quoted in a Reuters piece about the election in August forecasting the outcome of the November election.

Deborah Tolman (Social Work and Psychology) co-authored an op-ed in *The Huffington Post* about Halloween and the sexualization of girls. "Raising a daughter with a chance at sexual health and sexual literacy is difficult enough; when sex is overused to oversell, it can feel like a Sisyphean task. It is more urgent than ever that we encourage girls to use their power to pull back the curtain on the paucity of what has been marketed as 'choice' and reclaim what it means to be a girl," she and her co-author wrote.

Peter Tuckel (Sociology) and **William Milczarski** (Urban Affairs and Planning) conducted research that was cited in a *New York Times* article Sept. 18 about bicyclists and pedestrians. The article said: "Nobody seems to keep reliable data on bicycle-pedestrian crashes, though two researchers at Hunter College analyzed data from 100 hospital emergency rooms across the nation and found evidence of at least 38,000 such collisions between 1980 and 2009 (about 38,000 people die in car accidents each year). Tuckel and Milczarski found no discernible change over the nearly 30-year period studied."

Joseph Viteritti (Urban Affairs and Planning) was quoted extensively regarding the appointment of Cathleen Black as New York City schools chancellor in *The New York Times*.

Elaine Walsh (Urban Affairs and Planning) is overseeing a census of Irish senior citizens living in Queens that was featured in an article in the *New York Daily News* Nov. 2. "We want to find out the status of the Irish elderly in Queens, how they are coping and what kind of services they could use," she was quoted as saying. The census was also featured in *irishtimes.com*, where Walsh noted that the demographics of Queens have changed, with an influx of non-Irish groups, increasing the isolation of the remaining Irish elderly.

Sandra Wilde (Curriculum and Teaching) wrote a letter to the editor of *The New York Times* that was published Oct. 8. The letter said that picture books are not just for kids who can't read chapter books, but also "help children develop aesthetic and literary taste and understanding that will serve them well throughout their lives."

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Commencement is
Thursday, January 20
The Hunter College Assembly Hall
3pm**

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