

# arts & lectures at Sage

Spring 2012



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## LECTURES, READINGS, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

### Women's History Month Convocation

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Professor, author, and activist Virginia Eubanks will speak about feminist participatory action research and community activism, which are explored in her book, *Digital Dead End*. Eubanks is the co-founder of Our Knowledge, Our Power, a grassroots anti-poverty and welfare rights organization, and teaches in the Department of Women's Studies at the University at Albany.



### Historical Fashion Show

Friday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Bush Memorial, Troy campus

In celebration of Women's History Month, The Helen M. Upton Center and the Rensselaer County Historical Society (RCHS) are presenting a fashion show of clothing and accessories from the RCHS collections. The event is part of joint research by Russell Sage students and RCHS staff to explore trends in gender, fashion, and culture of the 19th and 20th centuries in the United States.



### Catalyzing Communities for Change: A Systems Approach to Obesity Prevention

The Sage Colleges Nutrition Lecture Series

Monday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Christina D. Economos, associate professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, has conducted extensive research addressing the interaction between exercise, diet, body composition, bone health and childhood obesity. She is the principal investigator of multiple large-scale studies examining childhood nutrition and physical activity with the goal of inspiring behavior, policy, and environmental change to improve the health of America's children. Sponsored by CDPHP. For more information, contact Professor Nina Marinello at (518) 244-2233 or [marinn@sage.edu](mailto:marinn@sage.edu).

### *If the World Were a Village* with Author David Smith

Wednesday, March 28, 4 p.m.

Kahl Campus Center Gym, Albany campus

Best-selling children's author David Smith will read from his book, *If the World Were a Village*, which raises global awareness in young readers. Smith is a teacher with more than 25 years experience in the classroom and recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's A+ for Breaking the Mold Award. For more information, contact Lisa Brainard at (518) 292-1959 or [brainl@sage.edu](mailto:brainl@sage.edu).

David Smith will also appear in Bush Memorial on the Troy campus on Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. as part of the School of Education's Spring Speaker Series.



## **An Evening of Jazz with an Armenian Flavor**

**Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.**

Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Spend an evening with Armen Boyajian, renowned jazz violinist and pianist. Boyajian decided to study music after seeing Miles Davis and his band in concert. Today, Boyajian is the leader of his own band, the jazz quartet Air Apparent. Sponsored by the Armenian Fund of The Sage Colleges. For more information, contact Professor Steven Leibo at (518) 244-2330 or leibos@sage.edu.



## **An Evening with Poet and Writer**

### **Molly Peacock**

2012 Carol Ann Donahue Poet at The Sage Colleges

**Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.**

Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Molly Peacock, a poet and a creative nonfiction writer, is the author of *The Paper Garden: Mrs. Delany Begins Her Life's Work at 72* and six books of poetry, including *The Second Blush* and *Cornucopia: New & Selected Poems*. For more information, contact Professor David Salomon at (518) 244-2237 or salomd@sage.edu.



## **Poetry Blitz!**

**April 3 – April 5**

Hare Poetry Room, Troy campus library

Join Russell Sage College's annual commemoration of National Poetry Month, including a *Wild Women of Poetry* reading, and the unveiling of *Laurel Leaves*, a publication of student and faculty creative work. Sponsored by Medusa, Russell Sage College's creative writing club. For more information, contact Professor Tonya Moutray at (518) 244-2406 or moutrt@sage.edu.

## **Poetry Fest: Poetry Outloud! Outdoors!**

**Wednesday, April 25, 1 p.m.**

Kahl Campus Center, Albany campus

Celebrate Earth Day with poetry. Bring a poem of your own, or read a favorite. For more information, contact Professor Eileen Fitzsimmons at (518) 292-1702 or fitzse@sage.edu.

## **WORLD Conference**

**Monday, April 30, 9 a.m - 3 p.m.**

Buchman Pavillion, Bush Memorial and Gurley Hall

Students in WLD 201: Women in the World have spent the year learning about the lives, struggles and triumphs of women around the globe. They will share their knowledge through posters and presentations. For more information, contact Bonnie Kerr at (518) 244-2306 or kerrb@sage.edu.

## VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITS

### **OPALKA GALLERY**

Albany campus, 140 New Scotland Ave.  
Call (518) 292-7742 or visit [Sage.edu/Opalka](http://Sage.edu/Opalka)

The Opalka Gallery is one of the venues participating in Albany's 1st Friday, a citywide arts festival on the first Friday of every month.



*Unequivocably Blue,*  
1967, 48 x 47 7/8 x 1 1/2"

### ***Tranquil Power: The Art of Perle Fine*** January 17 – February 26

**1st Friday Reception**  
February 3, 5-9 p.m.

Active in the modern art scene from the 1930s until her passing in 1988, abstract expressionist painter Perle Fine's work accentuates the beauty of rhythmic variations and the subtle nuances of color, line, shape and space. *Tranquil Power: The Art of Perle Fine* contains paintings, prints, drawings and wood assemblages dating from the 1930s to the 1970s.

### **Annual Photography Regional Exhibition** March 12 – April 22

**1st Friday Reception, April 6, 5-9 p.m.**

A fresh and insightful selection of some of the strongest photography from the Capital Region, curated by Danny Goodwin, associate professor of digital media and photography and Art Department chair at the University at Albany. Photographers who believe the curator may not be aware of their work are invited to contact the Opalka Gallery to submit images.

### **New Narratives Film Series**

Sunday, March 18, 4 p.m. | \$5  
Sunday, April 22, 4 p.m. | \$5

This is a series of documentaries that tell stories of hope, dignity, compassion and reflection, and transform our perception of our individual lives and collective experience. Each screening is accompanied by the filmmaker or other artist who will share thoughts about the film with audience members. This series is presented by the Center for Documentary Arts at The Sage Colleges in collaboration with the Opalka Gallery.

Check Opalka Gallery website [sage.edu/opalka](http://sage.edu/opalka) for film title announcements.

### **The Sage Colleges Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition** May 4 – July 20

**1st Friday Reception, May 4, 5-9 p.m.**

A selection of the best work by Sage students receiving their Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in studio art, interior design and graphic & media design.

## ART AT THE LITTLE GALLERY

Rathbone Hall, Albany campus

Visit [Sage.edu/LittleGallery](http://Sage.edu/LittleGallery) for gallery hours

### Victorian Narrative Stereography, 1855-1910

February 3 – 26

**1st Friday Reception, February 3, 4-7 p.m.**

Curated by Melody Davis, assistant professor of art history, this show presents original stereoviews of the Victorian era, complete with lorgnette stereoviewers for these comic and genre scenes in 3-D. This teaching exhibition identifies main publishers, artists and trends in European and American stereoviews—all within a Victorian parlor setting.



### Stay Tuned 2.0

March 2–25

**1st Friday Reception, March 2, 4-7 p.m.**

A showcase of interactive and motion work by Sage Graphic & Media Design students.

The gallery will be closed March 3–11 for spring break



### Flourish

April 6-29

**1st Friday Reception, April 6, 4-7 p.m.**

*Flourish* is the annual juried show of artwork by Sage students, organized by local painter Andrea Hershey.

### Spring Senior Art Show Reception

Friday, April 27, 5:30 p.m.

Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus



Russell Sage College seniors will display their artwork. For more information, contact Peggy Ryan at (518) 244-2248 or [ryanm4@sage.edu](mailto:ryanm4@sage.edu).



## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

# Spring Speaker Series

### **Taking it to Heart: When Teaching Becomes Emotional Labor**

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Kjersti VanSlyke-Briggs, associate professor of secondary English education and literacy at SUNY Oneonta, is the author of *The Nurturing Teacher*.

Her presentation will help teachers sort through their emotional, physical and social reactions to caring for students, piles of paperwork and other stressors and begin a stress management plan.



### **If the World Were A Village**

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Author and educator David Smith travels the globe sharing his enthusiastic and innovative approach to teaching and learning about the world. A classroom teacher with more than 25 years experience teaching English, geography and social studies, Smith developed a unique method of teaching students to draw maps of the entire world from memory. His books include *If the World Were a Village* and *This Child Every Child*.



### **Be the Spark! The Importance of Belief in Education**

Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Bush Memorial, Troy campus

2012 New York State Teacher of the Year and Sage School of Education graduate Katie Ferguson is a 2nd grade teacher in the Schenectady City School District. She is known for her work with independent literacy centers and for individualizing instruction with behavior charts, songs, chants, and cheers to help children learn new concepts. She also believes that a strict, but caring environment is essential to learning both academic and life lessons.



### **Artful Stories: The Teacher, the Student and the Muse**

Monday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Celebrated Trinidad-born arts practitioner and educator Joanne Kilgour Dowdy has written nine books, which tackle women's issues, empowerment and the Caribbean and pan-African people. Her latest work, *Artful Stories: The Teacher, the Student and the Muse*, is an exploration of the role of the artist and the relationship that evolves between the teacher and the student in the creation of new work.



## PERFORMING ARTS

Call (518) 244-2248 to reserve tickets.

Visit [Sage.edu/capa](http://Sage.edu/capa) for more!

### **William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing***

February 11, 17 & 18, 8 p.m.

February 12 & 19, 2 p.m.

Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus

\$10 adults | \$8 students and seniors

*Much Ado About Nothing* features some of William Shakespeare's more memorable and witty characters, fighting the "merry war" of the sexes. Through twists and turns and with rich wit, this story takes the audience along on the never ending search for the perfect love.

### **Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Medium***

Produced in collaboration with Mosaic Arts

March 23 – 24, 8 p.m.

James L. Meader Little Theater, Troy campus

\$10 adults | \$8 students and seniors

Set in post-war Europe, this haunting tale tells the story of a fraudulent medium who ultimately becomes the victim of the voices she conjures. An instant sensation on Broadway, this opera's balance of lyric writing and intense theatricality defines the Menotti style.



### ***The Hours* (Workshop Performance)**

April 20 – 21, 8 p.m. | \$3

James L. Meader Little Theater, Troy campus

This new musical is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Hours*. The play follows three women through one day in their lives separated by a span of nearly 80 years, all weathering similar crises and linked by a single work of literature. Words and music by Justin Friello. Featuring work by Sage's Creative Arts Therapy students.

### ***Dona Nobis Pacem***

Sunday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Bush Memorial, Troy campus

Composed in 1936, the six movement cantata *Dona Nobis Pacem* draws from a variety of sources, foreshadowing the approaching uncertainty and expectation of war.

### ***A Year With Frog and Toad***

June 2, 3, 10 & 17, 2 p.m.

June 8, 9, 15 & 16, 7 p.m.

Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus

\$10 adults | \$8 students and seniors

True to the spirit of the original stories, *A Year With Frog and Toad* follows two great friends, the cheerful and popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad through four fun-filled seasons. Based on the series by Arnold Lobel.



The Sage Colleges  
MARCH 30 – APRIL 1 [nelgbtc.com](http://nelgbtc.com)

### Northeast LGBT Conference

The Sage Colleges will host the annual NELGBT undergraduate leadership conference in 2012. All events below are open to the public. For more information, contact Assistant Dean Vincent Porfiro at (518) 292-1753 or [porfiv@sage.edu](mailto:porfiv@sage.edu).

### An Evening with Kate Clinton Friday, March 30, 8 p.m. | \$22, \$30 Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus

Kate Clinton is a political humorist and family entertainer, with a career spanning three decades. She believes humor is the guide through peace, war and economic down times. For tickets go to [nelgbtc.com](http://nelgbtc.com).



### Advocate & Educator T.J. Jourian Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus

T. J. Jourian is a Middle Eastern Armerian trans-male educator and cast member of the 2005 Sundance docu-series *TransGeneration*.

### Gallery Exhibit and Walk-Through with Dona Ann McAdams Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m. Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus

Dona Ann McAdams, photographer and designer of the AIDS ribbon, will host a gallery exhibit of her renowned work.



*Carnival Knowledge, New York City, 1984, gelatin silver print*

MORE NELGBT CONFERENCE EVENTS





**Daniel Hernandez:  
Voice & Action National  
Leadership Award**

**Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m. | \$10**  
Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy  
campus

Daniel Hernandez is the University at Arizona student credited with saving the life of Representative Gabrielle Giffords after she was shot. Known nationally as a humble hero, Hernandez shares his powerful story.



**Drag Superstar Bebe  
Zahara Benet**

**Saturday, March 31, 10:15 p.m.**  
Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy  
campus

Bebe Zahara Benet, winner of RuPaul's Drag Race, is a model, singer, performer and educator. Her performance celebrates diversity.



**Author Shane L. Windmeyer**

**Sunday, April 1, 11:45 a.m.**  
Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy campus

Shane L. Windmeyer is a national leader in gay and lesbian civil rights and a champion for LGBT issues on college campuses. He is cof-ounder and executive director of Campus Pride, the only national organization for student leaders and campus organizations working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students.

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