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Associate Justice Sandra Day O’Connor (ret.), the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, will be the inaugural speaker for The Pappas Visiting Scholar Series at Stockton on March 24, 2014.

Stockton Trustee Dean Pappas and his wife, Zoe, established the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Visiting Scholar Endowment Fund in 2012, to bring noted scholars and thought leaders speakers to Stockton for classes, workshops and public events.

Pappas has said he underwent “a transformational experience” as an undergraduate college student at Dickinson College in 1961, when he heard the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak.

Pappas wanted students here to have similar access to outstanding visiting scholars.

The Pappas Visiting Scholar Series committee is appointed by President Saatkamp and chaired by Dr. Philip T. Ellmore, Chief Development Officer. Other members include: Audrey Wolfson Latourette, J.D., Dr. William Lubenow, Dr. Anastasios G. Papademetriou, Dr. David Roessel, Wendel A. White, Linda J. Wharton, J.D.

Justice O’Connor was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, and served until 2006.

Justice O’Connor was awarded the nation’s highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by President Barack Obama in 2009.

The ticketed event will be free, but access to seating in the Sports Center must be pre-arranged. Information on how to obtain tickets will be announced soon.

Thomas Wilner, head of Shearman & Sterling’s International Trade & Investment Practice in Washington, D.C., will serve as moderator for Justice O’Connor’s presentation.

For more information, visit [stockton.edu/foundation](http://stockton.edu/foundation)
**Stockton CRC Hired to Remap Bayshore Region Flood Zones**

Stockton’s Coastal Research Center (CRC) has been hired by Middle and Lower Townships to remap the Cape May County Bayshore region flood maps. Many of the homes along the Delaware Bay shore-line are currently considered to be in a velocity zone by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) preliminary flood maps released this past fall. Residents of the townships hope remapping will result in smaller velocity zones and lower insurance premiums.

The CRC will work with the townships and the mapping team to provide data backing up any changes to the maps.

Dr. Stewart Farrell, director of the Coastal Research Center, and the coastal research team, will review in detail the preliminary working maps to find inconsistencies, contradictions and issues related to flood potential. The team will conduct field studies of all existing bulkheads or other shore protection structures built along the Delaware Bay shorelines, especially since 2008, and prepare a documented list of their findings. They will also evaluate flood zone changes since the last adopted maps were published.

“We will put together, with township assistance, a set of discrepancies with data we can substantiate, to gain FEMA acceptance of the changes desired in the final set of maps put out to the public,” Dr. Farrell said.

The CRC will also rely on relevant data from the public to support changes to the existing working maps.

“The CRC data will add a layer of information to have the best maps available to adopt in the future,” Dr. Farrell said.

**Dr. Rubenstein Helps Inspire Student Activism on Homelessness**

Dr. Joseph Rubenstein, professor of Anthropology and faculty fellow for the Stockton Center for Community Engagement, is a driving force behind students’ engagement in the local community. Most recently, Dr. Rubenstein helped inspire senior Political Science student Magi Kernan to bring social awareness to issues of poverty and homelessness in Atlantic City.

“Magi first took my Visual Anthropology class where she distinguished herself immediately with her good eye for composition,” said Dr. Rubenstein.

Over the course of Dr. Rubenstein’s class, Kernan developed an understanding of the role of the anthropological photographer. She began taking pictures that represented social life and cultural values.

As an initiative of the Stockton Center for Community Engagement, Dr. Rubenstein asked Kernan and two other photographers to document and make portraits of residents at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.

“This they did at a very high level and as a result they were asked to show their work at the Noyes Museum in conjunction with artist Seth Camm, who showed his portraits of Mission residents as well,” Dr. Rubenstein said.

Since then, Kernan has deepened her interest in documentary photography.

“Not only has she become an excellent photographer, but has also worked for social change regarding the understanding and the treatment of the homeless,” said Dr. Rubenstein.

“Faces of the Homeless,” an exhibit of her most recent photographs of the people on Atlantic City’s streets, will include a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the Rescue Mission and Covenant House.

“Magi’s growth as an artist and student activist is a great example of what happens when a Stockton student become engaged in the community,” Dr. Rubenstein said.

For more information on the Jan. 19 fundraising event, [click here](#).
In Memoriam: Dr. Rita Mulholland

The Stockton Community is saddened by the loss of Dr. Rita Mulholland, who retired as associate professor of Teacher Education last year.

One of the final highlights of a brilliant career was a trip that Dr. Mulholland led to Cochin, India. During the trip, Dr. Mulholland and her graduate students in the Special Education track of the MAED program set up an individualized instruction program, complete with the cutting-edge technology that Dr. Mulholland embraced so passionately in her teaching.

Along with enriching the lives of those students and hundreds of her own graduate students, Dr. Mulholland has left us with a Stockton Foundation account that she established for the purposes of continuing good works such as these. To make an online donation to the fund in honor of Dr. Mulholland, please visit the Foundation site.

Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

Dr. Calicdan-Apostle’s MSW Class Skypes with Textbook Author

Dr. Guia Calicdan-Apostle, assistant professor of Social Work, structured a slightly unusual activity for her Master in Social Work students on the last day of Fall 2013 classes. Dr. Calicdan-Apostle invited Dr. Richard Furman, first author of her class textbook, “Navigating Human Service Organizations, 3rd Ed,” to join the final class discussion via Skype.

Dr. Furman, director and professor at the University of Washington, Tacoma, accepted the invitation from Dr. Calicdan-Apostle, his former student at the School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

The class enjoyed a question and answer session with Dr. Furman as an additional recap of the course. He responded to Stockton students’ questions.

Dr. Furman told the Stockton students to challenge themselves in learning how the current systems or organizations can be more effective tools in promoting social work advocacy and social justice.

Stockton Hosts Special Olympics NJ Floor Hockey Tournament

Fourteen teams, totaling about 180 athletes, participated in the Special Olympics New Jersey floor hockey tournament on Jan. 11 in the Sports Center. Runners and walkers also participated in the “Jingle All the Way” 3K Fun Run/Walk.

Special Olympics athletes and the public viewed the Vince Lombardi Trophy, which will be awarded to the winning team at the Feb. 2 Super Bowl, during the “Join the Huddle” tour. The tour travels via the 14,000-pound “Huddle Shuttle” and showcases a replica stadium locker room with New York Jets, New York Giants, Super Bowl and Vince Lombardi memorabilia.

Members of Stockton’s athletic teams volunteered during the event and had the opportunity to take pictures with the trophy inside the “Huddle Shuttle.”

The Special Olympics New Jersey fundraising events help advance the goal of Special Olympics New Jersey, to provide free year-round training and competition in 24 Olympic-type sports to more than 23,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
Professor Pam Hendrick To Tell Atlantic City’s ‘Other’ History

Loosen your jaws and let out a nice, long sigh, Pamela Hendrick, professor of Theater Arts, told the 10-member cast of the play “Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City” Tuesday night. The past and present Atlantic City residents circled around their director for a vocal warm-up and stretches before diving into their lines at rehearsal.

Hendrick was looking for a sabbatical project—more specifically an untold story. Ralph Hunter, founder and director of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, introduced her to Turiya Raheem, author of the memoir “Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City.”

Hendrick read Raheem’s memoir and found a “history that hasn’t always been told.” Raheem agreed to work with Hendrick to transform her decades of memories into acts of a play.

“I’ve taken the script and translated it into action for the stage,” explained Hendrick, whose project is a 20/20 initiative.

The actors are acting, but they are also storytelling. They will tell the story of the Northside community from Wash and Son’s Seafood restaurant, which was owned and operated by Raheem’s family, the Washingtons.

Hendrick’s background is in theater and prior to this project she worked on two other pieces in the same chamber theater (or storytelling) style. She admitted that “you can’t do [theater] without being a historian.”

“I set out to bring to stage a personal history that is in danger of being lost. The African American community is an integral part of what makes Atlantic City work,” she explained.

Justin Maciejewski, a staff member in the scene shop, is the set designer; student Kate Sparacio is the costume designer; student Amber Pierdinock is the props designer; Venustiano Borromeo is the technical director; Dr. Mark Mallett, associate professor of Theatre Arts, is the lighting designer, and Hassan Raheem, Turiya’s husband, is the sound designer.

The cast has been rehearsing since November for the February production. Diane Epps, manager of Affirmative Action and Ethical Standards, is a member of the cast. She grew up in Atlantic City and went to high school with Raheem. “This is my history, too. I had to audition,” she said.

College Welcomes New Staff Member in School of Business

Editor's note: More than 50 new staff members have joined the Stockton community. We will feature these staff members in the Times as more information becomes available. Welcome!

Brenda Briney-Howard joins the School of Business as clerk typist. Briney-Howard graduated from Stockton in 2008 with a B.A. in Communications and also ran for Stockton’s track team. Most recently, she worked as an event planner for Harrah’s Resort from 2010-2013.

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