



Academic Affairs

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The Division of Academic Affairs at SUNY Geneseo is organized into 2 schools and 18 academic departments which provide a variety of majors, minors, and concentrations for our students. The division also includes several support units that complement our academic programs, enhance programmatic study, and ensure the development and completion of degree programs.

Cope Named Interim Associate Provost

Dr. Joseph Cope, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Inquiry, Discovery and Development, has been appointed to the full-time position of Interim Associate Provost for Student Success (APSS). He will begin his new duties this summer.



The APSS position represents a reconfigured management/confidential role formerly titled Assistant Provost for International Programs. As APSS, a key member of the Provost's leadership team, Cope will lead the College's efforts in fostering student academic achievement, retention and degree completion. He also will advise Provost Stacey Robertson and college governance bodies, such as the Strategic Planning Group, on matters related to student retention and success.

In addition, Cope will develop strategies that integrate high-impact learning practices with strong academic support services, collaborating with Celia Easton, Dean of Academic Planning and Advising, to help students succeed in their Geneseo journey.

He will also manage a wide range of administrative responsibilities, chief among these the central oversight and assessment of student learning centers and other academic support services including programs that directly engage with integrative and applied learning, and internationalization. This includes the College's Center for Inquiry, Discovery and Development (CIDD) and the Study Abroad Office, among others. In addition, Cope will serve as the liaison between the Division of Academic Affairs and other divisions — particularly Student and Campus Life — that offer programming in support of integrative learning.

Cope has taught at Geneseo since 2001 and brings a demonstrated commitment to teaching, advising, and mentoring students. Since August, 2016, he has worked with the CIDD on sustaining the Student Ambassador program and supporting Geneseo's commitment to integrative learning. His

teaching interests center on early modern European history (with a focus on the British Isles and Ireland). He has also team-taught courses in Irish Studies — leading study abroad trips to Ireland — and the history of science. Cope received a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005. He holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University.

Dance Studies Celebrates 50 Years

Founded in 1968, Geneseo's Dance Ensemble will celebrate its 50th golden anniversary with a dance performance featuring alumni spanning the years 1976–2017. "50Live: Dancing Past to Present — Celebrating 50 Years" will take place April 19-22 in the Alice Austin Theatre. The Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 and available through the Student Association Ticket Office or the online ticketing system.

Artistically directed and produced by Professor of Dance Studies Jonette Lancos, the concert will feature diverse, dynamic, and original dance works by alumni, faculty, current students, and guest artists. Mark Broomfield '94, assistant professor of dance studies, is associate director. Johnnie Ferrell, associate professor of theatre, is technical director, lighting designer, and sound designer. Bonita Stubblefield '82, lecturer in theatre, is designing and coordinating costumes.

Support for the concert is provided by generous Concert Program Sponsors and 50-Year Celebration Sponsors of the Dance Studies Program through The Geneseo Foundation.



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Top Producer of U.S. Student Fulbright Awards

With six Geneseo alumni winning U.S. Student Fulbright awards for 2017-2018, Geneseo has become the only dedicated SUNY institution to be named a Top Producer of U.S. Student awards in any category — bachelor's, master's, research, or special-focus 4-year. The College placed third among all 742 Carnegie Classification master's degree institutions. The program provides grants for individually designed study or research programs, or English Teaching Assistant (ETA) programs, in many foreign countries.

The 2017-2018 U.S. Student Fulbright winners from Geneseo with their placement countries are Kiaya Rose Dilsner-Lopez '17 (Brazil), Natalie DuBois '17 (Germany), Kate Dunn '15 (Malaysia), Patrick McCormick '15 (Brazil), Erik Mebust '17 (Vietnam), and Kelli Panara '17 (Netherlands).

For the 2018-2019 applicant period, Geneseo had a record 19 applications, with eight of the applicants becoming semi-finalists, also the highest number in the College's history. Thus far, Fulbrights have been awarded to Matthew McClure '16 (South Korea), Leandra Griffith '16 (Belgium), and Sarah Simon '17 (Uruguay). Sarah Phillips '18 (Cambodia) is an alternate candidate, and four other decisions are still pending. McClure is believed to be the first Village of Geneseo resident to ever win an ETA Fulbright.



Matthew McClure '16

Since 1985, Geneseo has had 20 Fulbright award winners with 16 awards coming since 2010.

Upcoming Music Events

Friday, April 20 — **Geneseo Wind Ensemble**. Dr. Leah McGray, Conductor; Dr. Armand V. Hall, Guest Conductor. Featuring music by Chavez and Toussaint. 8 p.m., Wadsworth Auditorium. Free admission.

Sunday, April 22 — Spring Choral Concert. **Spectrum Women's Ensemble**: Amy Cochrane, Director. **Geneseo Men's Choir**: Dr. Gerard Floriano, Director. 3 p.m., Doty Recital Hall. Free admission.

Wednesday, April 25 — **Geneseo Jazz Ensemble**. Bill Tiberio, Director. 8 p.m., Wadsworth Auditorium. Free admission.

Thursday, April 26 — **Chamber Music Showcase**. 8 p.m., Doty Recital Hall. Free admission.

Sunday, April 29 — Brahms Requiem. **Geneseo Symphony Orchestra**: Dr. Leah McGray, Conductor; **Geneseo Chamber Singers & Geneseo Festival Chorus**: Dr. Gerard Floriano, Director. 3 p.m., Wadsworth Auditorium. \$10 General Admission / \$5 students.

Monday, April 30 — **Geneseo Percussion Ensemble**. Jim Tiller, Director. 8 p.m., Wadsworth Auditorium. Free admission.

Saturday, May 5 — **Geneseo Chamber Singers** 60th Reunion Concert: Dr. Gerard Floriano, Director. 8 p.m., Wadsworth Auditorium. Free admission.

Department of Geography Receives Award

The Department of Geography has been awarded the 2018 Award for Bachelors Program Excellence from the American Association of Geographers (AAG). The department will be formally recognized this month (April) at the association's annual conference in New Orleans.

The AAG selects geography departments or programs that have "significantly enhanced the prominence and reputation of geography as a discipline and demonstrated the characteristics of a strong and engaged academic unit." Geneseo was identified by AAG as having a geography department "where collaboration between faculty, students, and the local community delivers an exemplary learning experience for undergraduate geographers."

AAG's award committee was especially impressed by the geography department's "commitment to curricular innovation, active student organizations and alumni relations, faculty research, and disciplinary engagement both on and off campus, regionally and nationally."

The department celebrates its 50th anniversary this academic year. The program has grown from fewer than thirty undergraduate majors in 2002-03 to more than 100 majors in Fall 2017. The increase, according to Associate Professor and Department

Chair Jennifer Rogalsky, has been generated in part by a curriculum that blends human and physical geography and offers students study abroad experiences to locations that include Canada, Argentina, and the Netherlands.



Students on a geography field trip to the Canadian Rockies in 2016

Milne Library Named Best in Country

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) named Milne Library the best in the country with its 2018 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the college category. Milne Library was recognized for its programming and outreach efforts that deliver outstanding services and resources to advance Geneseo's mission.

According to Library Director Ben Rawlins, the award is the highest that an academic library can achieve. In winning the award, Geneseo becomes the first SUNY library to earn the award, and also the first member institution in COPLAC.

Milne was cited for the strength of its programs in five categories: Creativity, Innovation, and Leadership; Research Instruction Program; Outreach and Community Engagement; Experiential Learning; and Responsiveness to the Community. The library also was commended for its strong commitment to open access to scholarship and educational resources, the Summer Library Research Academy, and ongoing work with local high schools.



Milne Library Staff

ACRL President Cheryl Middleton will present a plaque during a future award ceremony at Geneseo and a monetary award of \$3,000 to Milne Library.

Students Present Research at NCUR

Five SUNY Geneseo students recently made research presentations at the annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the University of Central Oklahoma. NCUR is a component of the Council on Undergraduate Research, which is dedicated to supporting high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship. The selection process to present at the conference is competitive and limited to 3,000 participants from around the nation from all corners of the academic curriculum.

Geneseo student presenters included: Madeline Flamik — “The Importance of Social Movement in Transitions of Power in Senegal;” Reba Schnyder — “An Analysis of Today’s Rise of Far-Right Nationalism Through the Critical Feminist Lens;” Trevis Lipnicky — “The Critical Perceptions of American Transnational Corporations in Dakar, Senegal;” Emily Hayes — “NGOs Influence Leading to Educational Strides in Senegal: A Possible Solution to Financial Success and Independence?;” and Elana Evenden — “The Social Impact of Climate Change in Dakar, Senegal.”

Flamik, Schnyder, Lipnicky and Hayes are international relations majors as well as French majors or minors and their faculty mentor was Kodjo Adabra, associate professor of languages and literatures. Evenden is an English major and French minor and was mentored by Distinguished Teaching Professor of English Beth McCoy.



Music Department Launches Preparatory Degree Program with Eastman School of Music

SUNY Geneseo has launched a new preparatory degree program that will ready bachelor's students to apply for the master of arts degree from the Eastman School of Music. Students who have met SUNY Geneseo admissions criteria and are selected for this program, upon satisfactory completion of a prescribed sequence of courses leading to the bachelor's degree from the College, will be able to apply for a master of arts degree in music education with New York State professional certification in music in the Department of Music Teaching and Learning at Eastman.



“We have had a successful referral partnership with Eastman for at least 10 years,” said Gerard Floriano '82, director of choral activities and chair of the Department of Music. “But this new cooperative agreement creates a more formal relationship that I believe will truly benefit both Geneseo and Eastman. Our students will be able to build upon the foundation of

the College's excellent undergraduate experience to then acquire specific professional skills in music education through one of the nation's most prestigious music schools. And for Eastman, they are gaining extremely well-prepared graduate students, who then go on to be successful music educators.”

Geneseo Holds 12th Annual GREAT Day

More than 950 students showcased their work during the 12th annual GREAT Day (Geneseo Recognizing Excellence, Achievement & Talent) April 17 in celebration of the creative and scholarly endeavors of Geneseo students. Activities throughout the day featured poster presentations, small group presentations, performances and exhibits.



Barbara Kellerman, the James MacGregor Burns lecturer in public leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School, delivered the annual Jack '76 and Carol '76 Kramer Endowed Lecture, titled "How to Make a Leader."

Kellerman, whose book "Professionalizing Leadership" was published in February, also is the Founding Executive Director of the Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. She has held professorships at Fordham, Tufts, Fairleigh Dickinson, George Washington, Uppsala and at both Dartmouth and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. She also served as dean of graduate studies and research at Fairleigh Dickinson and as director of the Center for the Advanced Study of Leadership at the University of Maryland. She has master's degrees in Russian and East European Studies and philosophy and a doctorate in political science, all from Yale University. She was awarded a Danforth Fellowship and three Fulbright fellowships.

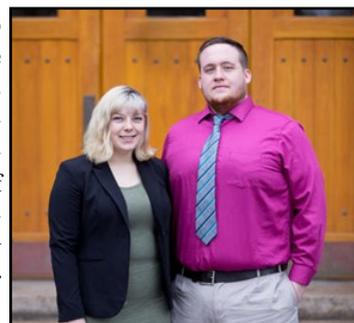
In 2016, Kellerman was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Leadership Association. She received the Wilbur M. McFeely award in 2011 from the National Management Association for her pioneering work on leadership and followership.

In addition to endowing the GREAT Day Lecture series, Jack and Carol Kramer, both 1976 Geneseo graduates, have provided major support for other Geneseo programs, including The Carol Kramer Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Psychology and The Jack Kramer Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Physics.

Philosophy Majors to Present at Gonzaga Conference

Senior philosophy majors Eva Reda-Kendrick and Brian Pattison will present papers at the upcoming Gonzaga Undergraduate Philosophy Conference in Spokane, Washington, April 20–21. The theme of the second annual undergraduate conference is "on difference and disagreement." Reda-Kendrick and Pattison based their papers on essays they wrote for different philosophy courses taught by Professor Theodore (Ted) Everett.

"It's extremely rare for two students from the same college to present papers at the same conference — especially when the conference is on the other side of the country," noted Associate Professor of Philosophy and Department Chair David Levy.



Reda-Kendrick, who is also majoring in sociology, is presenting her work, "Should Speech Be Productive," originally written for Everett's "Ethics of Speech" seminar. In her paper, Reda-Kendrick considers John Stuart Mill's criteria for permissible speech, arguing that how individuals present disagreements via social media challenge us to think more clearly about notions such as harm, productivity, and disruption.

Pattison, who is also majoring in political science, is presenting his paper "Monkey See, Monkey Do, Monkey Know?" which he wrote for Everett's Theory of Knowledge class. The epistemological work of William Alston, Keith Lehrer, and Thomas Paxson anchor his argument that animals such as dogs and capuchin monkeys engage in behaviors which strongly suggest that they possess the kind of knowledge philosophers usually reserve for humans.

Three Students Receive Chancellor's Award

Among the 249 SUNY students from across the state to receive 2018 Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence were Geneseo students Jeffrey Doser, a double-major in biology and mathematics, Justen Geddes, a mathematics major with a minor in anthropology, and Kaitlin Pfundstein, an English major with certification in adolescent education and a minor in psychology. The three received their awards in a ceremony held in the Albany Capital Center on April 10.

With Chancellor Johnson, we too are "immensely proud of" and inspired by these award-winning students.