

**SUNY-ESF  
DEPT. of ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
NEWSLETTER**

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The Department of Environmental Studies had its 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Graduate Student Reception, October 23, 2007, in Moon Library. Pictures available upon request.

Dr. Jaya Panigrahi, Head of the Department of Zoology at Coudwar College, India held a seminar on “Water Resource Management Issues in Bhubaneswar India on October 15, 2007.

*Faculty*

**Janine DeBaise** is attending and presenting a chapter of her creative non-fiction manuscript at a conference on November 3, 2007, in Portland, Maine, for the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts. She will be attending the annual meeting of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs in New York City, January 30 - February 2, 2008, with part of her expenses paid for by a grant from the Provost's Faculty Travel Fund.

**Myrna Hall** and her PhD candidate, Seth Myers, traveled to Milford, Pennsylvania, the week of October 8 – 12, 2007, to the U.S. Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Historic Site to meet fellow researchers. They presented final results of their growth and impact analyses of the Connecticut and Pennsylvania Highlands.

**Patrick Lawler** did a presentation and reading on October 25, 2007, at SUNY Binghamton, sponsored by the Student Association. Currently he is a preliminary judge for the Calvino Fiction Contest sponsored by the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

**Jack Manno** presented and chaired a session in Halifax, Canada, on “Global Ecological Integrity and the Sustainable Society,” from June 23 – 26, 2007. In August 2007, he was awarded a stay as Writer in Residence, at the Mesa Refuge, Point Reyes, California. Also, Jack was appointed as a faculty affiliate at Syracuse University’s Native Studies Program.

**Sharon Moran** was invited to speak at Colgate University on October 5, 2007. As a guest of that university's Environmental Studies Program, she delivered a lecture entitled, “Stream restoration projects: realizing environmental justice goals?” Her talk explored the geography of stream restoration projects, using data from Pennsylvania. Her presentation drew on work recently published in the journal, *Local Environment*.

**Sue Senecah** was keynote speaker and participant at a conference on "Connecting Global Challenges and Collective Local Action: A Conference in Environmental Communication" at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden, October 24 - 25, 2007. She received a grant from the Provost's Faculty Travel Fund towards part of her costs of attending the conference.

**Richard Smardon** was part of a three person external review team for the Environmental Analysis Program at Ponomo College, California, from October 14 – 17, 2007. He gave a talk on the "Onondaga Creek Revitalization Planning Process" to the ASLA New York Joint Chapters Conference on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He also designed and directed the Center of Excellence Training Workshop on Sustainable Practices, October 23, 2007. And he published a lead article, "Academic Industry Alliances for Green Technology," as a part of the October-November Issue of *CNY Business Exchange*, a new magazine published by the Syracuse Newspapers, where he writes a regular column about energy and environmental issues.

**Benette Whitmore** is offering a weekly conversation group for undergraduate and graduate ESL students who desire an opportunity to practice their oral communication skills. Former ES graduate student, Sarah Kulpa is leading the group, which typically has from six to ten participants each week. The conversation group is held Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Writing Center, in Moon Library's Academic Success Center. Topics of discussion are informal and mainly center on participants' sharing perspective and experiences from their native cultures. Anyone interested in joining should contact Benette at <[bwhitmor@syr.edu](mailto:bwhitmor@syr.edu)> for more information.

### Graduate Students

**April Baptiste** presented a paper entitled, "Using the Environmental Justice Frame to Understand Environmental Awareness of Rural Illiterate Communities" at the Faculty and Student Environmental Justice Research Symposium, at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, June 6-9, 2007. In September, she gave a guest lecture on "Perceptions of Dangers to Oil and Gas Drilling in Rural Trinidad", in our department.

**Sarah Darkwa** presented a paper on "Environmental Justice in the Great Lakes: Influence of Fish Advisories on Risk Perception, Knowledge and Behavior of White and Minority Anglers", at the Environmental Justice Research Symposium, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, June 6-9, 2007. She will present a paper on "Risk Perception, Communication and Management: A Case Study of Fosu Lagoon, Ghana," at the "International Conference on Siting of Locally Unwanted Facilities" at Chung Chi College, Hong Kong, December 12-14, 2007.

**Fred Owusu-Ansah** worked as Research Intern with the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) from June through September 2007. Among other things, he analyzed OCRRA's 2006 recycling and solid waste management data and evaluated the agency's emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) from 1992-2006. He found that OCRRA has made remarkable improvements in GHG emissions over the years. In the year 2006 alone, OCRRA made a total net savings of about 3 million metric ton carbon dioxide equivalents. Over the years OCRRA has avoided the emissions of GHGs roughly equivalent to taking about 600,000 cars off the road.

**Bruno Takashi** will present a research poster entitled 'Social Marketing for the Environment: "A Comparative Analysis of Theory and Practice"' at a conference on "Behavior, Energy and Climate Change," in Sacramento, California, November 7-9, 2007. He received a grant of from the Provost's Graduate Student Travel Fund to attend this conference. Also, Bruno will be presenting his research in Kathy Stribley's class, "Behavioral Factors in Community Design" on November 16, 2007.

**Thanh Vo and Jack Manno** have a chapter in a book entitled "Globalization and the Degradation of Rural Livelihoods: A Comparative Study of Mexico and Vietnam under Trade Liberalization." For further information and to order a copy of the book, see: <http://www.LexingtonBooks.com/ISBN/0739117297>.

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