

# SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY

Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 2:30PM

Campus Center Ballroom

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**APRIL 18, 2012**

**2: 30 PM**

**Campus Center Ball Room**

## **AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Susanna Fessler, Chair of the University Senate)  
Refer to the following handout:
  - Minutes of the October 26, 2011 Fall Meeting of the Voting Faculty
  
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FALL FACULTY MEETING, October 26, 2011**  
(Susanna Fessler)
  
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED COLLEAGUES** (Susanna Fessler)
  - Melvin Bers, Economics (May 16, 2011)
  - Harry Raymond, Rapid Copy Center (November 21, 2009)
  - Edward M. Jesmain, Data Communications (October 18, 2011)
  - Donna J. Collins, Physics (November 4, 2011)
  - Harold R. Howes, Counseling Psychology (November 12, 2011)
  - Arthur N. Collins, English (December 3, 2011)
  - Boris Korenblum, Mathematics & Statistics (December 15, 2011)
  - Joan A. Fiske, University Libraries (December 24, 2011)
  - Alice Hastings Murphy, University Libraries (January 1, 2012)
  - Margaret Farnworth, School of Criminal Justice (February 14, 2012)
  - Brian J. Elk, Information Technology Client Services (March 3, 2012)
  - John Galivan, Biomedical Sciences, (March 3, 2012)
  - DeWitt C. Ellinwood, History (March 29, 2012)
  - Arthur Loesch, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences (April 5, 2012)
  
4. **REPORT TO THE FACULTY** (George Philip, President)
  
5. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Susanna Fessler)
  
6. **ADJOURNMENT** (Susanna Fessler)

**State University of New York**

**University at Albany  
Fall Meeting of the Faculty**

**October 26, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Senate Chair, Dr. Susanna Fessler welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order. After introducing herself, she referred to the documents available at the door which included the meeting's agenda and the minutes from the Spring Faculty meeting of April 6, 2011. Other informative materials are available on the Senate website.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2011 Spring Faculty Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED COLLEAGUES**

- Dr. Fessler read the names of those colleagues who had passed away since the fall meeting. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

**4. REPORT TO THE FACULTY**

- Dr. Fessler introduced President George M. Philip, who delivered the following message to the faculty:

President Phillip made his greetings and offered his thanks to the dedicated faculty, committed staff and engaged students for bringing their vitality to the campus each day. The President said that energy contributed to the success of Homecoming Weekend and the Fall Festival, when more than 7,000 alumni, parents, community members and prospective students visited the campus. The Admissions open house drew 1,400 prospective students. He thanked everyone who worked hard to make the weekend a huge success.

President Philip welcomed new faculty and staff members. He encouraged them to take full advantage of everything the University at Albany has to offer. The President thanked department chairs for their invaluable service and the vital role they play in advancing the University's mission. President Philip offered congratulations to all colleagues who were promoted or tenured over the past year. He expressed his thanks to the senior staff, deans, University Senate and all of its councils and committees, as well as to the union and student leaders for all their work. President Philip acknowledged that the 23,500 members of the University family work together in assisting the University to achieve its mission of excellence and make a difference in the lives of many.

President Philip recognized Wayne Locust for his valuable service as a superb leader for the University's enrollment management efforts. Mr. Locust has accepted a new position at the University of Connecticut. The President asked everyone to join him in wishing Mr. Locust well.

President Philip provided an update on the state of the University. He said the University has faced some of the most difficult budget years in its history, losing over 40 percent of State assistance since 2008 and

resulting in a reduction of more than \$45 million. These cuts have affected every aspect of our academic programs and every corner of the University. Despite these challenges, we have continued our never-ending pursuit for academic excellence, and have demonstrated remarkable progress in research, learning and campus life. As a result of the superb efforts of our faculty, research expenditures at UAlbany last year totaled a record \$450 million, the highest total by far among public universities in New York State.

We continue to take steps to strengthen the UAlbany experience for our students. This fall, incoming freshmen were able to participate in a greatly expanded array of living-learning communities. These thematic-based communities help introduce students to the breadth of academic, extracurricular, and social opportunities available at UAlbany, while uniting them through common interests.

President Philip said through service and volunteerism, our faculty and staff are leading hundreds of programs that engage businesses, governments, non-profits and communities in meaningful ways. Students have also made an impact through community engaged service. Last year, an estimated 6,800 students participated in such events. These contributions helped UAlbany gain a place on the 2010 U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Our graduate and undergraduate student leaders -- Heidi Nicholls and Zafir Uddin -- joined President Philip in designating October as Community Service Month. From Hurricane Irene disaster relief efforts, and from service fairs to playground restorations, and from sustainability efforts to Habitat for Humanity, students and faculty work year-round to make a difference in our local and global communities.

The President said our resolve and sense of community was clearly evident during this past year. The University faced one of its greatest challenges ever -- ensuring that UAlbany be considered for Governor Cuomo's proposed economic development challenge, which resulted in NYSUNY 2020. Our students, faculty, staff, alumni and countless friends in the Capital Region mobilized to forcefully make the case for UAlbany. They made the University's and region's voice heard through thousands of calls and letters to the State Capitol. Business leaders, school superintendents and local governmental officials advocated on behalf of our institution. Over 250 community and business leaders endorsed not one -- but two -- full-page newspaper ads. These efforts paid off when the Governor introduced NYSUNY 2020 in May, allowing for a five-year, rational and predictable tuition plan for all SUNY campuses. The plan promises to enhance our academic and research missions, while ensuring access and affordability for all students. In addition, the Governor challenged the four University Centers by offering \$35 million in capital funding and an "academic excellence fee" if we could develop a university and economic development growth plan. In June, the Legislature passed the historic NYSUNY 2020 legislation. In July, the University Centers were asked by the Governor to submit their NYSUNY 2020 plans and we made presentations to the SUNY Board of Trustees in August. The next step is to present our plan to the Governor and secure final approval.

President Philip shared some of the outstanding points of the University's NYSUNY 2020 Plan, also known as UAlbany Impact. Guided by the University's Strategic Plan, UAlbany Impact is a blueprint to build the University over time. The plan calls for:

- growing enrollment by 1,350 students;
- strengthening existing merit-based scholarships in addition to the new statutory TAP credit program;
- adding 187 new faculty positions across the University in areas of strength and demand;
- adding 355 research support staff and 203 other support staff;
- providing \$7 million in graduate student support;
- generating \$115 million in cumulative research funding over five years;
- constructing a new, state-of-the-art \$150 million biomedical and information innovation research plaza.

The President said UAlbany Impact is an ambitious plan to strengthen our academic enterprise, create jobs, attract new research funding, and spur economic revitalization in our region and State. President

Philip thanked everyone who has helped to advance NYSUNY 2020 and the UAlbany Impact plan. Over time, NYSUNY 2020 will provide a vital, much-needed boost for UAlbany. President Philip said that while further reductions in next year's budget are not anticipated, it is important to recognize that we are still working through the substantial cuts in State assistance the campus has suffered. As the University transitions through these budgetary challenges, NYSUNY 2020 will begin to allow us to plan for growth and a brighter future, and over time, help us achieve the key goals of our strategic plan. It will provide new opportunities to build on our many strengths, better serve our students, advance new learning and discovery, and contribute to the economic growth of our region and State.

President Philip reminded everyone that the hard work of moving our University forward has just begun. As we await final approval of our NYSUNY 2020 proposal, we are working on the implementation phase of our strategic plan. A number of initiatives have been selected to advance in the next two years including:

- Undergraduate Academics
- Student Engagement, Advising, Mentoring, and Support
- Student Recruitment and Enrollment
- Graduate Education
- Research
- Keeping Pace with Emerging Technologies
- Faculty and Instructional Development

A steering committee and working groups have been formed to address each of these areas, and an evaluation plan will measure how well we are doing. He thanked everyone currently working to implement our strategic plan and said the work is critical to the future success of our University.

President Philip reported that the tuition increase enacted this year is providing resources to implement priorities. He said efforts are ongoing to identify other funding sources, both within the University and beyond, to achieve operating efficiencies and cost savings which would lead to the investment of more resources in our academic enterprise. These efforts include:

- The hiring of a consultant to examine UAlbany's administrative structure. That review is underway.
- The implementation of a new University-wide email system that will save our campus \$150,000 in annual operating costs plus hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment costs.
- The continuation of the energy conservation initiative launched several years ago which has generated close to \$3.5 million in savings. These conservation efforts have also had meaningful environmental sustainability impacts with:
  - heating usage decreasing by 9 percent,
  - electricity usage down 12.5 percent, and
  - our carbon emissions footprint decreasing by 15 percent.

President Philip said in addition to these efforts, green building design elements are being incorporated in all new construction underway on campus to allow for improved energy savings and to promote sustainability.

At the SUNY System level, President Philip said we are participating in the Chancellor's Campus Alliance Network initiative. The idea is for campuses to find ways to collaborate on administrative functions in order to increase efficiencies and identify savings that can be redirected to strengthen academic opportunities. He said the campus community will be updated on future developments. Ultimately, the goal is to take advantage of opportunities to better serve our students.

The President took a moment to highlight some of the extraordinary research and scholarship of our faculty, which distinguishes our University in many ways. As evidenced by the record level of research expenditures last year, UAlbany faculty continue to be successful in attracting funding to advance new discovery and learning across a broad range of fields. Our faculty are exploring such significant issues as terrorism, climate impacts, financial market regulation, cybersecurity, disaster recovery efforts, exposure to the chemical BPA, childhood obesity, autism, home care for older adults, an initiative called *buckybowls* and much more.

Last month, Governor Cuomo announced an international high-tech group's \$4.4 billion investment to develop next-generation computer chip technology in New York State. Our College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering – already a global center for nanotechnology research and development – is playing a major role in this newest initiative.

In an effort to continue to grow and strengthen our research enterprise, the University hosted the National Science Foundation and all of its directorates last week – the first time NSF had been in New York State in four years. The aim of NSF Day was to better position our researchers, educators and scientists to be more competitive in vying for federal research funding. Almost 300 faculty and researchers from 30 institutions of higher education in New York and three other states participated. President Philip congratulated the many faculty members who participated in this important day.

Notwithstanding the importance of sponsored funds in the current fiscal environment, we recognize that scholarship is not merely about grants. Through books, journal articles and other scholarly publications, UAlbany faculty are sharing the results of their inquiries – and further strengthening the reputation of our University. Recent faculty books examine such topics as moral and legal issues surrounding life before birth; ethnic media; Mesoamerican civilization; the roots of modern Yiddish, econometrics; the Medieval church; and the rise of Mexican industrialism, to name just a few. In the faculty activity reports for this past year, 55 books were published, 156 book chapters, 650 academic and professional journal articles, 52 conference proceedings, 54 book reviews, and 17 encyclopedia articles. In addition, our arts faculty offered 87 performances and 16 exhibitions.

UAlbany faculty also hold leadership positions in scholarly societies and were the recipients of countless awards recognizing their contributions. Together, the pursuits of research and scholarship demonstrate the excellence, impact and tremendous breadth accomplishments.

President Philip referred to the list of awards received by UAlbany faculty through the Research Foundation last year and encouraged everyone to take a copy available at the door. It is only chapter one of a wider effort to recognize the important contributions UAlbany faculty are making in the discovery and the dissemination of knowledge.

President Philip also referred to Open Access Week, an event being celebrated at many campuses to advocate for free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as needed. The University Libraries and several UAlbany faculty members are actively involved in this effort. In an upcoming video, they talk about their own efforts to broaden the reach of their work through open access. This "open access" initiative certainly has broad potential benefits for our communities. On many other fronts, as well, our UAlbany faculty, staff and students are deeply engaged in our communities. Some examples include:

- Our new Small Enterprise Economic Development program – SEED, for short;
- the Science and Technology Entry Program;
- the UAlbany Chamber Singers;
- the Albany chapter of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy;
- the School of Social Welfare's 2011 Summer Study Tour to Africa;
- the Career Opportunities in the Accounting Profession program; and
- projects by faculty and students in both the Philosophy, and Geography and Planning departments, that focus on helping Albany's South End neighborhood.

These are just a few examples of how our UAlbany community is making a difference in communities here and around the world.

President Philip referred to progress being made in efforts to create a 21st century learning, living, and research environment that meets the needs of the UAlbany community. This is plainly on display for all to see with the significant amount of construction that is taking place across the campus. The new home of the School of Business is under construction to the western side of the entry plaza and is on schedule to open in fall of 2013. On the southeast side of campus, the new apartment-style student housing complex, Liberty Terrace, is rapidly taking shape and is expected to open for the start of next fall. In the planning phases are a number of other projects:

- the first-ever "gut renovation" of one of our four residence hall towers;
- an expansion of the Campus Center;
- upgrades to the athletic facilities; and
- relocation of the data center.

The ultimate goal of all the construction is to create an environment that enhances the academic and student experience at UAlbany. President Philip said UAlbany is rising and moving ahead thanks to our collective efforts. He added that the University is poised to meet the changing needs of our students and our society by efforts to:

- Provide our students with strong foundations for success.
- Inspire and motivate others in our shared pursuit of new knowledge and discovery.

Through everyone's efforts, UAlbany has a tremendous impact throughout our region, State, nation and the world. Before concluding, President Philip recognized University Senate Chair Susanna Fessler: "Susanna, thank you for your outstanding leadership and the new ideas you have brought to the table." President Philip concluded that the best and brightest days for UAlbany lie ahead through our shared commitment.

There were no questions for President Philip and he returned the program to Dr. Fessler.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Dr. Fessler inquired if there was any other business. There was not motion for further business.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

## **2012 Recipients of Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence**

Achumboro Ataande

Michael Blaustein

Catherine Cooley

Donald DeRosa

Sam Frumkin

Joel Livingston

Minhal Makshood

Daina Migdel

Nishtha Modi

Matthew Russo



## PRESIDENTS AWARDS FOR LEADERSHIP

Last Name	First Name	Major	Minor	Award
Abuawad	Ahlam	Biology	N/A	Great Dane Award
Albany Business Leaders Emerging	N/A	N/A	N/A	Great Dane Award
Almada-Makebish	Miry	Biology	N/A	Academic Leadership Award
Alweiss	Jennifer	Psychology	N/A	Great Dane Award
Apraku	Elizabeth	Biology (Honors)	Neuroscience	Outstanding Senior Award
Arpino	Samantha	Women's Studies and Communications	Education	Great Dane Award
Ataande	Achumboro	Psychology	History	Outstanding Senior Award
Baker	Donald	Public Policy	History	Great Dane Award
Barksdale	Bryant	History	Political Science	Great Dane Award
Barrie	Umaru	Human Biology & Chemistry	Neuroscience	Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Award
Bassell	Joseph	Political Science and History	N/A	University Governance Leadership Award
Belfon	Cecil	Information Science	Business Administration & Political Science	Community Service Leadership Award
Bello	Danelly	Sociology	N/A	Don't Walk Alone Award
Blaustein	Michael	Political science	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Boland	Jessica	Accounting	Criminal Justice and Business Admin	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Bonds	Victoria	Social Welfare	Public Policy	Community Service Leadership Award
Bourguignon	Rachel	Biology and Psychology	Education	Great Dane Award
Browne	Michael	Communication	Business Administration & Spanish	Great Dane Award
Buonincontri	Thomas	Accounting and Business Administration	Marketing and Management	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Capellan	Raysa	Women's Studies	N/A	Graduate Student Organization Outstanding Leadership Award
Chang	Andrew	Globalization Studies	Korean	Great Dane Award
Chaudry	Ali	Physics (H) + Mathematics	Electronics + Economics	Outstanding Senior Award
Closs	Hillary	Social Work	N/A	Sustainability Leadership Award
Cohen	Joanna	Accounting	Business	Great Dane Award
Cole	Sara	Spanish	Educational Studies	Returning Woman Award
Conway	Kimberly	Sociology and journalism	N/A	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Cotugno	Jason	N/A	N/A	Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award
Crenson	Catherine	Human Biology	N/A	Five Quad Award
D.R.E.A.M Org.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Community Service Award
Dombrowsky	Leanne	English/Psychology	History	Great Dane Award
Duran	Jibran	Criminal Justice	Sociology	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Award</b>
Egan	Jillian	Biology BS	Spanish	Great Dane Ambassadors Award
Ellis	Stephen	Environmental Science	N/A	Sustainability Leadership Award
EOP Student Administrative Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	Community Service Award
Finnegan	Emily	Political Science	Spanish	Great Dane Ambassadors Award
Folk	Krystal	Social Welfare & Business	Education	Great Dane Award
Forster	Julia	Business Administration	Management and Finance Concentrations	Outstanding Senior Award
Friedlander	Lee	Psychology	Women's Studies & LGBT Studies	Outstanding Senior Award
Frumkin	Sam	Africana Studies	N/A	Distinguished Scholar-Leader Award
Gallo	Nicoletta	Double Major Italian & Biology	N/A	Great Dane Award
Gamliel	Ayelet	Business	N/A	Chapel House Award
Gillette	Nicole	Business administration	N/A	Great Dane Award
GLBTQ Organizing and Educating (G.O.E.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Diversity & Inclusion Award
Gozu	Cuneyt	Organizational Studies	Organizational Studies	International Student Leadership Award & GSO Distinguished Service Award
Green	Natalie	English	N/A	Chapel House Award
Guzman	Emma	Human Biology	Latin American and Caribbean Studies	Great Dane Award
Hossain	Sharmin	Political Science	Women's Studies	Diversity & Inclusion Award
Hydock	James	Biology and psychology	Neuroscience	UAlbany Fund Award
Issa	Prissilla	Biology	N/A	Great Dane Award
Jean	Nicole	Psychology and Social Welfare	Education	Outstanding Senior Award
Kamens	Dana	Atmospheric Science	N/A	Great Dane Award
Kane	Genevieve	Nanoengineering	N/A	Great Dane Award
Kawakami	Simeon	Financial analyst	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Kennedy	Ryan	Business administration & economics	Mathematics	Great Dane Award
Kessler	Scott	Communication and Rhetoric	Business Administration	Great Dane Award
Khan	Sana	Chemistry, English, and Biology	History	University Governance Leadership Award
Klein	Stephanie	Biology (Pre-Med)	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Last Name	First Name	Major	Minor	Award
Klepper	Christina	Communication and Rhetoric	Business Administration and Public Health	Athletes Leadership Award
Kutney	Colleen	Political Science	History	University Governance Leadership Award

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Award</b>
Labianca	Roseanna	Accounting	N/A	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Award
Leuschner	Samantha	Globalization studies	Sociology	Chapel House Award
Levit	Amanda	Public Policy (with a concentration in Society)	N/A	Great Dane Award
Liang	Shuang	Psychology	Education	Middle Earth Award
Liga Filipina	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cultural Awareness Award
Livingston	Joel Shaun Amad	Criminal Justice	Educational Studies	Outstanding Senior Award
Maikoo	Amrika	English	N/A	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
MALIK Fraternity Incorporated	N/A	N/A	N/A	Justice Award - Group
McHugh	Amanda	Accounting	Business Administration	Outstanding Senior Award
Meehan	Leonardo	Biology	N/A	Academic Leadership Award
Migdel	Daina	Business administration (ITM)	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Modi	Nishtha	Chemistry	N/A	Distinguished Scholar-Leader Award & Ada Craig Walker Award
Moghadam	Neema	Business Administration & Economics	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Molnick	Sara	Business Administration	Journalism	Great Dane Award
Moy	Gregory	Psychology	Neuroscience	Academic Leadership Award
Munoz	Amaury	Public Policy (honors) and Political Science	Economics	Justice Award
Naim	Nyla	Biochemistry & molecular biology	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
NanoGSO	N/A	N/A	N/A	Great Dane Award
Nettles	Elizabeth	Biology	N/A	Great Dane Award
Neuburger	Lori	Biology	Biology and Neuroscience	UAlbany Spirit Award
Newman	Jared	Criminal justice	N/A	Athletes Leadership Award
Nichols	Heidi	Anthropology	N/A	University Governance Leadership Award
Norton	Tyler	History (European Concentration)	Political Science	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Nyman	Meghan	Public administration	N/A	Great Dane Award
Omoladun	Temitope	Biology	Public Health	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
O'Neil	Matthew	Political science	History, philosophy, economics	Outstanding Senior Award
Onuorah	Christopher	Information Science	Music & Business	Outstanding Senior Award
Parlato	Julie Lynn	Communications	Business & Sociology	Great Dane Ambassadors Award
Pereyra	Alejandra	English/Journalism	Photography	Academic Leadership Award

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Award</b>
Pisanelli	Christian	Business concentration in Information Technology & Mgmt	N/A	Five Quad Award
Pollard	Jennifer	Human biology	N/A	Rod Hart Memorial Award
Presidential Honors Society	N/A	N/A	N/A	Great Dane Award
Price	Tremayne	Public Policy	N/A	University Governance Leadership Career Achievement Award
Rar	Rostislav	Financial analyst	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Reclassifying All Children Equally	N/A	N/A	N/A	Community Service Award
Regis	Teresa	Biochemistry	N/A	Great Dane Award
			Business Administration, Communication	Great Dane Award
Rivas	Emeline	Accounting		
Robinson	Michelle	Sociology	Psychology	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Rodriguez	Kilsa	Psychology	Criminal Justice	Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Award
Rodriguez	Amanda	Criminal Justice	Psychology	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
		Information Technology Management	Business Administration	Great Dane Award
Rose	Akiem	Professional Accounting	N/A	Athletes Leadership Award
Russo	Matthew	Accounting	Business and Spanish	Outstanding Senior Award
Samaranayake	Dhanushki	Biomedical Sciences	N/A	International Student Leadership Award
Sankofa Africa Organization	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Justice Award
Service Is Key	N/A	N/A	N/A	Great Dane Award
Sharma	Umang	Chemistry & Biology	Chemistry & Biology	International Student Leadership Award
Silvanic	Molly	Social Welfare	Education Studies and English	Outstanding Senior Award
Stenger	Carol	N/A	N/A	Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award
Stern	Lauren	Theatre	N/A	Great Dane Award
Stofenberg	Scott	Criminal Justice/Psychology	N/A	Outstanding Senior Award
Stulov	Konstantin	Mathematics and Physics	N/A	Great Dane Award
Talamo	Alex	Nanoscale science	N/A	Great Dane Award

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Award</b>
Tamashuk	Ekaterina	Accounting	Business	International Student Leadership Award
Third World Impact	N/A	N/A	N/A	Great Dane Award
Trimm	Amanda	Psychology	N/A	Great Dane Award
UA JAMMING	N/A	N/A	N/A	Danes After Dark Award
Ubiera	Yochabel	Psychology	Education and LGBTQ Studies	Project SHAPE Award
Valentine	Steven	English/Sociology	Education	Great Dane Award
Walters	Tieisha	Rhetoric & Communication	Sociology	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Wedin	Arianna	History & biology	N/A	Community Service Leadership Award
Wright	Casey	Public Administration	N/A	Athletes Leadership Award
Yadav	Sangeeta	Psychology	Biology	Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award
Zhang	Yingjie	Accounting; Math	Business Administration	Academic Leadership Award
Zuccarello	Nicole	Psychology	Education and Sociology	Great Dane Award

**Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research  
Spring, 2012 (2011-12 Academic Year)**

<b><u>First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Dept.</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty Advisor</u></b>	<b><u>Title of Research Project</u></b>
Pamela	Alvarado	Langs., Lits & Cultures	Lotfi Sayahi	<i>Variation and Maintenance of Spanish in Colorado: The Case of Fort Lupton</i>
Elizabeth	Apraku	Biological Sciences	John Schmidt	<i>Activity-Dependent Sharpening of the Retinotectal Map in Zebrafish: The Role of Phosphatidylinositol 3-Kinase</i>
Hannah	Attard	Atmos & Env Sciences	Ross Lazear	<i>Large-Scale Precursors to Major Lake-Effect Snowstorms Lee of Lake Erie</i>
Michael	Blaustein	Political Science	Michael Malbin	<i>Boll Weevils and Blue Dogs: Is Polarization in American Politics Caused by Voters on the District Level?</i>
Lauren	Grady	Psychology	J. Altarriba	<i>Subliminal Persuasion: Real Phenomenon or Myth?</i>
Grace	Hobbs	English	Charles Shepherdson	<i>Aeschylus' Tragedy of Law: Kinship, the Oresteia and the Violence of Democracy</i>
Timothy	Humphrey	Atmos & Env Sciences	Lance Bosart	<i>Results of a Preliminary Evaluation of CAPE Tendency</i>
Rachel	Luscombe	Anthropology	Walter Little	<i>Transplanting Roots: Cultivating Community Amongst Mexican Immigrant Populations</i>
Patrick	Mancilla	Biological Sciences	Ramune Reliene	<i>The Genotoxicity of Silver Nanoparticles in vivo in Mice</i>
Michael	Monescalchi	English	Branka Arsic	<i>Phillis Wheatley and the New Divinity Movement</i>
Nicholas	Schiraldi	Atmos & Env Sciences	Paul Roundy	<i>CFS Reforecast Analysis of Intraseasonal Variability of Tropical/Extratropical Interactions</i>
John	Teevan III	Lang., Lits & Cultures	Jean-François Brière	<i>Golden Age or Rusted Decline?: The Successes and Failures of the Third Republic in France, 1870-1940</i>
Anita	Vukovic	Anthropology	Jennifer Burrell	<i>Within Categories, Without Recognition: The Ambiguity of 'Occupation' in U.S. Refugee Resettlement</i>
Kaitlin	Wax	Women's Studies	Vivien Ng	<i>Girls United: Small-group Sexual Violence Prevention Education for Young Women</i>

**UAlbany Endowed Fellowship for Undergraduate Research 2011-12**

<b><u>First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Title of Research Project or Research Emphasis</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty Advisor</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Endowed Fund</u></b>
Rachel	Luscombe	Anthropology	<i>Cultivating Community Amongst Brooklyn's Mexican Immigrant Populations</i>	Walter E. Little	Adrienne Zimberg '83
Nyla	Naim	Biological Sciences	<i>The Effect of Physical Stiffness on Salivary Gland Development</i>	Melinda Larsen	Adelaide Schmid '38
Kevin	Smith	Anthropology	<i>Farming Techniques of Kaqchikel Mayans in Highland Guatemala</i>	Walter E. Little	Adelaide Schmid '38
Konstantin	Stulov	Mathematics	<i>Total Distance of Polynomials and its Connection with Mahler Measure</i>	Rongwei Yang	Adrienne Zimberg '83
Anita	Vukovic	Anthropology	<i>Categorizing Without Conscience: Ambiguity in U.S. Refugee Resettlement Policies and Programs</i>	Jennifer Burrell	Adelaide Schmid '38

## OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Elizabeth Apraku  
Achumboro Ataande  
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Ali Chaudry  
Julia Forster  
Lee Friedlander  
Nicole Jean  
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Joel Shaun Amad Livingston  
Amanda McHugh  
Daina Migdel  
Neema Moghadam  
Nyla Naim  
Matthew O'Neil  
Christopher Onuorah  
Rostislav Rar  
Matthew Russo  
Molly Silvanic  
Scott Stofenberg

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Nishtha Modi

**ROD HART MEMORIAL AWARD**

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### **Excellence in Librarianship**

Jane Kessler  
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Michael Jaromin, Director of Student Activities, Student Success  
Melissa Samuels, Director of Alumni Programs, Alumni Relations  
Odette Fung, Assistant Director of Telephone Systems, ITS

### **Excellence in Academic Service**

Karyn Loscocco, Sociology

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### **Excellence in Teaching**

Susan Gauss, History  
Glenn Deane, Sociology  
Martin Hildebrand, Mathematics and Statistics

### **Excellence in Teaching Part-Time**

Laura Wittern-Keller, Languages, Literatures and Cultures  
Janice Pata, Biomedical Sciences

### **Excellence in Teaching by a Teaching Assistant**

Alan Wong, Sociology  
Nabila El Guennouni, Languages and Literatures

### **Excellence in Support Service**

Denise Heiserman, Human Resources Management

# Spring Commencement 2012

## Please Join Us...

### *For further details...*

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Faculty who RSVP to attend will receive further instructions about the weekend via e-mail on Tuesday, April 24.

If you are hooding a student at the Graduate Ceremony, please notify Joanne Baronner at [jbaronner@albany.edu](mailto:jbaronner@albany.edu) in the Office of Graduate Studies by April 16.

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### **The Graduate Ceremony**

Saturday, May 19, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

SEFCU Arena

*Faculty assemble in the Hall of Fame Room by 8:15 a.m.*

### **The Undergraduate Ceremony**

Sunday, May 20, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

The Entry Plaza lawn

*Faculty assemble in University Hall by 9:15 a.m.*

### **RESERVE YOUR SEAT**

RSVP for the ceremony(s) that you wish to attend by sending an e-mail to: [Commencement@albany.edu](mailto:Commencement@albany.edu)

*Include your full name, campus address, phone number, and department. Please respond by Friday, April 20.*

### **ORDER YOUR REGALIA**

*If you do not own regalia the University will cover the cost of your rental. To place your order simply e-mail Sue Derocco at the University Bookstore at [sderocco@albany.edu](mailto:sderocco@albany.edu)*

*Include your full name, campus address, phone number, and department. Regalia information needed: gender, height, weight, terminal degree & institution that awarded it, and whether you need a cap, gown, and/or hood.*

*Regalia must be picked up at the bookstore between 5/7 - 5/18. Faculty members that submit their order by April 9 may opt to have their regalia delivered to their on campus address. Please indicate your preference in your email. Regalia will NOT be available for pick up or drop off, on site, at either ceremony. All regalia must be returned by Tuesday, May 22.*

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