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University at Albany Sponsors International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology Aug. 6-11

Over 100 top scholars in the field of personal construct psychology will gather in Albany next week for the Ninth International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology sponsored by the University at Albany.

The conference, which will run Aug. 6-11 at the College of Saint Rose, will feature researchers from England, Germany, Italy, Canada, Australia and several other countries, who will discuss their latest findings in paper presentations, workshops and one-hour plenary sessions.

According to University at Albany Psychology Professor **James Mancuso**, a conference organizer, personal construct psychology focuses on the ways in which people use their unique systems of knowledge to "construct" the world around them. The theme of this year's congress emphasizes the relationship between construct psychology and the broader field of constructivism.

"Constructivism is now a broad-based intellectual field in behavior science and literary disciplines," Mancuso explained. "We no longer look for truths, we look for ways in which we reach social agreement on how to view our world. The conference will elaborate the personal aspects of this trend."

Anyone interested in registering to attend the conference should call Mancuso at 518-442-4646.

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Meet the Composers at the Next Public Science Lecture

Experimental composers Barton and Pricilla McLean, also known as the McLean Mix, will reproduce the sounds of the wilderness at the next Public Science Lecture.

The internationally-acclaimed husband and wife duo base their music presentation around environmental themes--the rainforest, earth music, and the dance of dawn. Actual recordings of nature are blended with electronics, instruments and slides to capture the sights and sounds of nature.

The McLeans, of Petersberg, N.Y., perform extensively throughout the U.S. and in many European countries. They are the recipients of five National Endowment for the Arts Composer fellowships as well as many other awards. Funding for the McLeans' appearance is provided through the Composers Performance Fund, supported by the New York State Council on the Arts, ASCAP, the Xerox, Seth Sprague and Metropolitan Life foundations.

The performance will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Whiteface Mountain Field Station, Memorial Highway, Wilmington, N.Y. It is free and open to the public.

This is the sixth presentation in the annual Public Science Lecture Series sponsored by the University at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center. The series, organized by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer, is celebrating its 30th year.

As with all lectures in the series, the latest weather report using color projections will open up the evening's program.

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**Exploring Canada's Northwest Territories Topic of the Next Public
Science Lecture**

Chet Harvey and Kathie Armstrong will present a slide-illustrated story of four paddlers who journeyed down the Theron River of Canada's Northwest Territories at the next Public Science lecture. The lecture will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Whiteface Mountain Field Station on Memorial Highway in Wilmington, N.Y.

Harvey and Armstrong will share the voyagers' canoeing adventures as they explore Canada's arctic tundra. The historic river banks hold reminders of the once occupied Inland Eskimo territory. These barren lands are also the home of the wolf, grizzly and musk-ox as well as numerous species of birds and countless plants.

This is the last of the seven presentations in this year's annual Public Science Lecture Series sponsored by the University at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center. The series, organized by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer, is celebrating its 30th year.

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Goldsboro Native Frank Hauser Named to Chemistry Review Panel

ALBANY, N.Y. - Dr. Frank M. Hauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hauser, Jr. of Berkley Blvd. and grandson of Mrs. Frank Hauser of Walnut Street, has been appointed to a four-year term as a member of the National Institutes of Health Medicinal Chemistry Panel that reviews health-related chemistry proposals and prioritizes funding for the NIH.

Professor Hauser, a 1961 graduate of Goldsboro High School, attended the University of North Carolina, where he received his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees. He is a former Career Development Awardee of the National Institutes of Health and is internationally recognized for his work on methods for preparation of anthracycline antibiotics, which are used in chemotherapy.

Dr. Hauser is professor of chemistry at the University at Albany, State University of New York, and became chairman of the Chemistry Department on Aug. 1.

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**University at Albany's Center for Legislative Development to
Host Seminar for Central and South American Advisors**

The University at Albany will host 13 delegates from Central and South America for a week-long seminar from August 21 through August 28. The conference, "Budgeting and the Legislative Process: A Seminar for Legislative Budget Advisors from Central and South America," is being organized by the University's Center for Legislative Development, a component of Rockefeller College of Public Policy.

Countries in Central America that will be sending participants are Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama. From South America, Legislative Budget Advisors will be sent from Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil. Topics of discussion for the seminar will include "The Role of the Legislature in Contemporary Society" and "The Relevance of the United States Budget Experience to Legislatures in Central and South America; Recommendations and Future Actions."

Abdo Baaklini, a professor of public administration at Rockefeller College and director of the Center, will serve as speaker for many of the discussions. Other speakers will include Steve Sloan, Secretary of the Senate and Kelly Lopez from the Professional Development Unit of the New York State Division of the Budget. Events will take place

at both the University and Rockefeller College campuses as well as at the Empire State Plaza.

For two decades, the Center for Legislative Development has been working to help strengthen legislatures worldwide. The Center is internationally regarded for its experience and expertise with legislatures in developing countries and emerging democracies. Its reputation for success is best exemplified by its project activities and accomplishments in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and most recently, Central and East Europe. Among the Center's accomplishments is the establishment of the Center for Parliamentary Management in Budapest, Hungary, and helping to modernize the Congress of Brazil.

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University at Albany Psychologist Named Distinguished Professor

Donn Byrne, a psychology professor at the University at Albany, has been named a Distinguished Professor. The announcement was made during a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York on Monday, August 19.

Byrne is a social psychologist who is nationally known for his research on interpersonal relationships and sexual behavior. In 1989, he was selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex. A member of the University faculty since 1980, Byrne has published on many topics of his field, including acquaintance rape, why young people do not use contraceptives, and the effect of erotica and pornography on behavior.

A Distinguished Professor, having been judged by a committee made up of nationally prominent scholars, is determined to have achieved national or international recognition in his or her field of study, made significant contribution to the research literature of that subject, and, by outstanding scholarship, elevated the standards of his or her colleagues.

Through lectures and seminars, the Distinguished Professor is also deemed to

make significant contributions to the faculty members from campuses throughout the SUNY system.

Byrne resides in Feura Bush with his wife, Kathryn Kelley, who is also a University psychology professor.

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**Award-Winning Author Maxine Hong Kingston to Address
University at Albany Freshman Class Saturday, Aug. 31**

Author **Maxine Hong Kingston** will discuss her award-winning book, *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, at the University at Albany on Saturday, Aug. 31. Her talk is part of the freshman class's orientation to the intellectual and cultural life of the University. The public is also invited to attend the event, which is free and will be held at 4 p.m. in the University gymnasium.

Earlier Saturday, freshmen will discuss the book in small seminars led by faculty members. Each freshman received a copy of *The Woman Warrior* as required reading during orientation at Albany earlier this summer. The memoir interweaves narrative about the Asian-American author's childhood as the daughter of Chinese immigrants with family history of the Chinese mainland. Some of its themes include culture shock, intergenerational conflict between unassimilated first generation immigrants and their assimilated children, the silencing of immigrants in the new culture and of women in both cultures, and the eventual empowerment of the author through her discovery of language and her vocation as a writer.

Kingston's book, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for non-fiction, was described by James Leonard, a *New York Times* critic, as "dizzying, elemental, a poem turned into a sword." The narrative weaves back and forth among family stories and the history of the narrator's growing up. Kingston ends the book by retelling a family story of an aunt who was kidnapped by bandits and returned triumphantly to her village as a woman warrior.

Ernest Scatton, dean of undergraduate studies at the University, said a University-wide committee selected *Woman Warrior* as "an important book for intelligent people to read, and to introduce the freshman class to such highly charged issues as race relations and contemporary social problems."

Kingston, who was born in Stockton, Calif., and educated at the University of California, Berkeley, lived for a number of years in Hawaii and now makes her home in Oakland, Calif. She currently teaches at her alma mater. Her first novel, *Tripmaster Monkey*, was published two years ago.

This is the fourth year in which the University has asked the incoming freshman class to read designated books. The first book was Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, while other selections have included Jonathan Kozol's *Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America*, a collection of short stories about South Africa by Nadine Gordimer called *Something Out There* and John Edgar Wideman's book, *Brothers and Keepers*.

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Members of University at Albany Community Visit Moscow for Conference on Multicultural Education

Faculty members, students and administrators from the University at Albany attended an International Seminar on Multicultural Education at Moscow State University from July 2 to 9 as part of Moscow's exchange program. The conference was developed by Donald Biggs, a professor at Albany and I.I. Ilyasov, a professor of educational psychology at Moscow State University, to discuss international perspectives on multi-cultural education. Scholars from Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States presented papers describing multi-cultural concerns facing their educational systems. There were eight members from schools in Great Britain and approximately 20 representatives from the Soviet Union.

Biggs, who spent four weeks in Moscow as a Visiting Professor studying issues involved in exchange programs, presented the idea for the conference and received 15 visas to bring the American participants to Moscow. The participants from the Capital District included University at Albany faculty, staff and graduate students as well as public school teachers from Troy and a professor from Siena College.

The seminar discussed how schools in the three different countries respond to cultural and ethnic issues, and the most effective programs. The participants presented

statements on various issues to be discussed by the entire group. Biggs said the seminar was successful in promoting a number of international avenues for communication about common professional interests and research.

Among those attending from the University at Albany were: Biggs, James Fleming, professor and associate dean of the School of Education; Peter Byrne, a doctoral candidate in educational psychology and statistics; Audrey Briggs Champagne, professor of education and chemistry; and Betty Shadrick, assistant dean of academic support services.

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Saidel Appointed Director of Center for Women in Government

Judith Saidel, an adjunct professor in the University at Albany's department of public administration and policy, has been appointed executive director of the Center for Women in Government, a part of the University's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. She has served as acting director since March.

Founded in 1978, The Center for Women in Government is a unit of Rockefeller College that promotes equity in public service through research, training, networking and public education. Previously, Saidel was academic director of the Center's Fellowship on Women and Public Policy program.

"The Center is well-positioned to advance women's participation in public service and the policy-making process," said Saidel. "We plan to share more broadly information and ideas with policy makers, scholars and advocates." Saidel has been a member of the University faculty since 1988. She holds a doctorate in public administration, specializing in the relationships between voluntary organizations and government, and a M.A. in American history, both from the University at Albany. She received her B.A. in political science from Wellesley College. A former history department chair at Albany Academy for Girls and a long-time community volunteer, Saidel resides in Clarksville with her husband Peter.

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GRIDDERS FROM GRAZ ENJOY ALBANY SOJOURN

Thirty-six football players and five staffers from the semi-pro Graz Giants of Graz, Austria, are learning a bit about American college football and a lot about the Capital Region this week and next, as they are hosted by the University at Albany Great Danes.

A scrimmage is set for this Saturday at 1 p.m. on University Field between the Giants and the Danes' junior varsity squad. Previous to that, the Giants will have practiced among themselves and occasionally with the entire University at Albany team, under the direction of head coach Bob Ford.

The Giants are seeing much more than gridiron turf, however, since arriving at Albany County Airport on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 24. On Sunday they were guests at the OTB Tennis Classic in Schenectady. On Monday they attended the last day of the Saratoga Race Track meeting. Last night, Tuesday, found them at the Starlite Theater, watching and listening to country star Ronnie Milsap.

The rest of the Giants' schedule includes a trip to the Great Escape amusement park at Lake George later this week, attendance at the Albany-Colonie Yankees game on Sunday, Sept. 1, a trip to New York City on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and, on their trip's concluding day of Wednesday, Sept. 4, an official City of Albany greeting, including Empire State Plaza tour, from Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III.

While the region may be a revelation to the players and staff of the Giants, the nation is certainly not new to all. Six of the Austrian team's players are Americans, and graduates of U.S. universities or colleges. Included among them are Eric Beavers, a quarterback from the University of Nevada at Reno, Will Tychsen, an interior linebacker from the University of New Hampshire, and Dave Dunn, a defensive lineman from the University of San Diego.

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UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN TO BE UNVEILED

A **nine-point plan** to address standards of off-campus behavior for University at Albany students will be unveiled on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 p.m. in Draper Hall, Room 313, on the downtown University at Albany campus.

Representatives from the University administration and student affairs organization, University Public Safety and Albany Police departments, city tavern owners and neighborhood associations will be present. The report is a result of meetings held this summer by the Committee on University and Community Relations, a 27-member panel composed of the above agencies plus members of the city's Code Enforcement Bureau and Fire Department, and University at Albany fraternities.

Formed in the summer of 1990 as an adjunct to the Task Force on University and Community Relations -- a joint initiative of the University and Mayor Thomas M. Whelan III's office -- the Committee has been charged with reviewing and insuring implementation of the Task Force's recommendations regarding improved town and gown relations, and taking further steps that it deems necessary.

"The cooperation between all constituencies has been excellent," said Thomas Gebhardt, Committee chair and director of **off-campus housing** for the University. "Everyone realizes that one solution will not resolve all the difference in life-styles that students and neighbors experience. The approach has therefore been multi-faceted and considerate of all involved."

Gebhardt describes the nine-point plan, which has already begun its operations in anticipation of the new Fall semester, as "both proactive and reactive."

"It is proactive by building into frosh orientation a series of talks by resident assistants to students about behavioral expectations for them off-campus. It is reactive in that we will have in place a mechanism in which city police and other officials will respond to calls of incidents off-campus and then those officials will be able to contact my office so University officials can go downtown to speak with the students in question directly in their apartments."