**Spirit of Afghanistan**

Wednesday, September 23 / Noon – 1:30 p.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

**Peggy Kelsey**, award-winning photographer, will give a digital slide show of various places she visited while in Afghanistan, including Kabul, Taloqan, Herat, and Bamyan. Using these compelling images, Ms. Kelsey will dispel many of the myths about this country, including the difference between Islam and traditional mores and customs.

The exhibition “Women of Afghanistan” will include 22 of Ms. Kelsey’s photographic portraits of Afghan women with narratives about their lives and work. The display will be in the Marvin Library from September 2–30.

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**“Once in Afghanistan” - Making Experience Matter**

Thursday, September 24 / Noon – 12:50 p.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

**Kristina Engstrom**, Peace Corps Trainer, and **Jill Vickers**, Peace Corps Volunteer, will share their stories and experiences of being part of a smallpox eradication program in pre-Taliban Afghanistan, by using short video clips from interviews with the vaccinators. The documentary, "Once in Afghanistan," co-produced by Ms. Vickers, depicts the Peace Corps Volunteers’ roles in what was ultimately a successful eradication program. The documentary also shows the enormous impact living and working in Afghanistan had on them. A Q&A will conclude the presentation.

**Showing dates for “Once in Afghanistan” / Runtime: 70 minutes**

- **Saturday, September 19 / Noon / Library Multipurpose Room**
- **Monday, September 21 / 1 p.m. / Library Multipurpose Room**
- **Tuesday, September 22 / 9 a.m. / Library Multipurpose Room**
- **Thursday, September 24 / 10:30 a.m. / BTC Auditorium (with lecture following)**

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**Second Annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture**

Thursday, September 24 / 6 p.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

**Dr. Judea Pearl**, father of slain *Wall Street Journal* reporter, Daniel Pearl, and professor of Computer Science at UCLA, is internationally known for his work on artificial intelligence, human reasoning, and philosophy of science. Along with his wife, Ruth, they created the Daniel Pearl Foundation in 2002. Dr. Pearl will discuss his son’s life-work of dialogue and understanding, and the root causes of his tragedy.

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**Second Annual Daniel Pearl Music Festival**

Friday, September 25 / 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Administration Building Quad

This event will feature an open mic and battle of the bands.
“The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court”
Thursday, October 15 / 1 – 1:50 p.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Academy Award winner Pamela Yates, Peter Kinoy, and Paco de Onís of Skylight Pictures will discuss the making of this important documentary and the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC is the first permanent court created to prosecute perpetrators of crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide. This documentary chronicles the work of the dynamic ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo and his team across four continents. A Q&A will conclude the presentation.

Showing dates for “The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Court” / Runtime: 95 minutes
Saturday, October 10 / Noon / Library Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, October 13 / 11 a.m. / Library Multipurpose Room
Thursday, October 15 / 11 a.m. / BTC Auditorium (with lecture following)

Poems of the Hudson Valley and Beyond: Landscape & Literary Imagination
Tuesday, November 10 / 1 – 1:50 p.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

John Hoppenthaler is a native New Yorker, born in Brooklyn and raised in Rockland County. Through the years, he has worked as a bartender, a custodian and a personal assistant, and now he serves as an Assistant Professor of Creative Writing and Literature at East Carolina University. Writing primarily about upstate New York, his poems have appeared in “Ploughshares,” “Virginia Quarterly Review,” “McSweeney’s,” “Southern Review,” and the “Christian Science Monitor,” among others. Hoppenthaler will read from two of his recent collections “Lives of Water” (2003) and “Anticipate the Coming Reservoir” (2008).

Saratoga Automobile Museum: Racing in New York
Wednesday, November 18 / Noon – 12:50 p.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Auto racing writer Ron Hedger, columnist and reporter for “National Speed Sport News” for three decades, will speak about auto racing in New York, HVCC’s fastest instructor, DIRT and CVRA champion Kenny Tremont, Jr., and job opportunities in auto racing. Hedger has written hundreds of features for “Stock Car Racing,” “Open Wheel” and “Speedway Illustrated” magazines. He also is a trustee of the Saratoga Automobile Museum and coordinator of the Racing in New York Gallery.

How ‘Going’ Unites a Community
Tuesday, December 1 / 11 – 11:50 a.m. / Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Environmental engineer, Sarah Brownell, and community organizer, Kevin Foos, are co-founders of Sustainable Organic Integrated Livelihoods (SOIL), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting soil resources, empowering communities and transforming wastes into resources in Haiti. SOIL uses ecological sanitation to transform ‘humanure’ into valuable fertilizer for agriculture and reforestation, and promotes creative recycling. Brownell and Foos will address their current projects in Haiti.
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