Critical Issues for the 21st Century

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Fall 2001
National Hispanic Heritage Month

Dispelling the Myths: The Role of Latino Studies in the Social Sciences
Dr. Carlos Santiago will be the keynote speaker for the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Latino Studies is an important, yet neglected, element in a Liberal Arts education. Dr. Santiago will present the many important contributions of Latino Studies in the Social Sciences as well as discuss the role Latino Studies has had in higher education in the 21st Century.

Carlos Santiago, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
The University at Albany

Thursday, September 27, 1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

The Taino Tradition in Armando Soto's Art
In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, artist Armando Soto will engage in a public conversation to discuss the major influences on his work. Soto first gained recognition as a key figure in the New York Latino art world in the late 1960s as one of the founders of "Taller Boricua." In this presentation, Soto will speak of his use of Taino images. The Tainos were a pre-Columbian people native to Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands. The audience will also be able to join in with questions as the conversation traverses through Soto's remarkable career.

Armando Soto, Artist

Tuesday, October 9, 11 a.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

William Muller, M.A., Moderator
Fine Arts Department
Hudson Valley Community College

A Forensics & DNA Symposium

Overview of New York State DNA Databank
New York State has embraced DNA technology as a powerful tool in law enforcement. DNA not only links suspects to the smallest traces of evidence from crime scenes, but exonerates those who are innocent. The New York State DNA Databank has proven to be very successful in solving crimes. This presentation will provide an overview of how the New York State DNA Databank works, how samples are collected from designated offenders and what type of evidence is collected at the crime scene for DNA analysis.

Julie Pasquini
DNA Databank Coordinator
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
Office of Forensic and Victim Services

Wednesday, October 17, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
(Session will be videotaped)

Is DNA the Final Judge and Jury?
The use of DNA technology as a law enforcement tool facilitates many applications in the field of investigative technology. However, the use of this state-of-the-art technology ignites many concerns and issues. This point-counterpoint presentation will explore the advantages and limitations of using the DNA databank to solve crimes.

Stephen Hogan, Assistant Counsel
NYS Police Forensic Investigation Center

Wednesday, October 17, 1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
(Session will be videotaped)

Louise Roback, Director
Albany Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union

Ann Geisendorfer, Panel Moderator
Criminal Justice Department Chair
Hudson Valley Community College
Meet Chris Burke
The Disability Resources Center presents this renowned actor, (a.k.a “Corky”) from TV’s “Life Goes On” in a celebration of Abilities Awareness Week. Chris is an actor, singer, and active spokesman for people with Down Syndrome.

Open to the community
Open to elementary, middle, and high school students, teachers, agencies, and the community

Thursday, October 18, 7-8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 19, 10-11:30 a.m.
McDonough Complex, Main Gymnasium

Bullying and Harassment: Childhood Through Adulthood
This is a panel discussion about the relationship between bullying behaviors observed in children and harassment by adults. Violence among children has reached epidemic proportions especially in our schools. These panelists will explore the factors, symptoms and effects of this serious situation from three differing perspectives.

Joan Lawson, Ed.D., Panel Moderator
Liberal Arts Teacher Preparation Department
Hudson Valley Community College

Monday, October 29, 11 a.m.- Noon and Noon-1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
(Both sessions will be videotaped)

Lauren Ayres, Ph.D., President
Research Associates, Albany, NY

Theresa Gill, MSW
Behavioral and Social Sciences Department
Hudson Valley Community College

Bill Wolff, Executive Director
LaSalle School, Albany, NY

Native American Heritage Month

Traditional Teachings from the Longhouse
To celebrate Native American culture, Ka’nahsohon Deer, a Mohawk from the Kahnawake Mohawk Nation Territory, will give a presentation about the ancient teachings in a Mohawk Longhouse. He will describe the ceremonies and rituals important to his people.

Ka’nahsohon Kevin Deer, Mohawk
Kahnawake Mohawk Nation Territory

Monday, November 5, 11 a.m.- Noon and Noon-1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
Coming Events for Spring 2002 Celebrating:

Dr. Martin L. King Jr.'s Birthday
Black History Month
Women's History Month

Watch for our December Brochure.

In Appreciation:

Academic Senate/Personnel Resources Committee
Black Latino Student Alliance
Office of the President

Committee Members:

Wilhelmina Abraham  Sue Grayson  Susan McDermott  Brenda Twiggs
Shushmita Chatterji  Phil Littlejohn  Dorothy Reynolds  Denise Watso
Larry Ellis  Robert Matthews  Bonnie Sessing-Matcha

Cover: "Three to the Third Power," Armando Soto, oil on canvas (67" x 50").
The image reproduced for this brochure courtesy of the artist Armando Soto and the
Martinez Gallery in Troy, NY (518/274-9377). Other works by Soto are on view at the
Martinez Gallery, specializing in Latino and Latin American art.

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