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Faculty, Staff — Update, In Memoriam, Announcing, Welcome

Update

Gary Radford, communication and director, MA in corporate and organizational communication (Flor), received a Top Paper of 2006 Award for his paper “The Author Should Die: Semiotics and the Regime of Communication.” The National Communication Association (NCA) selected Radford’s paper from a national pool of entries in the NCA’s Semiotics and Communication Division.



On November 28, **Vincent Varrassi**, director, Regional Center for College Students with Learning Disabilities (Metro), was a featured speaker in LD Talk, an online discussion on learning disabilities organized by the National Center for Learning Disabilities. His presentation was titled “Making the Leap to College: What Students with Learning Disabilities Need to Know.” A transcript of the chat session is available at <http://www.nclcd.org/content/view/1113/>.

The third annual Winter Festival Concert at the College at Florham featured performances by mezzo soprano **Mariana Karpatova**, pianist **Clifford Parrish**, both visual/performing arts (Flor), and the FDU Chorus, directed by **Allen Cohen**, music (Flor).

Michael Goodman, communication (Metro) and director, Corporate Communication Institute (CCI) (Flor), presented “Corporate Communication Practices and Trends: China Benchmark 2006” at the Association for Business Communication’s (ABC) annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. He is a member of ABC’s board of directors and is the association’s vice president for the eastern United States. Goodman and Christina Genest, assistant director, CCI (Flor), will represent CCI at the Private Sector Summit on January 10, 2007. They were invited by Karen Hughes, undersecretary for public diplomacy and public affairs and the PR Coalition at the Department of State, Washington, D.C.

This fall semester, **Daniel Twomey**, management and executive director, Center for Human Resource Management Studies (Flor), had two published refereed journal articles related to sustainability: “Designed Emergence as a Path to Enterprise Sustainability” in *Emergence: Complexity and Organization* and “Democracy and Sustainable Enterprise” in *Competitiveness Forum*.

The senior executive business organization class under **Gerard Farias**, management and executive director, Institute for Sustainable Enterprise (Flor), was required to think outside the box for the course by forming a small company to support an organization. The class decided to raise money for the American Heart Association and held a dinner gala toward that purpose.

Lois Gordon, English (Metro), delivered the keynote speech, “Samuel Beckett and *Waiting for Godot*,” during a Samuel Beckett centenary celebration held at the University of New Mexico in

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Flor =
College at Florham, Madison, N.J.

Metro =
Metropolitan Campus, Teaneck, N.J.

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Albuquerque. Her address summarized points she discussed in her books *The World of Samuel Beckett 1906–1946* and *Reading Godot*, which were both published by Yale University Press. Gordon's speech will be published in 2007 in a collection of essays honoring Beckett's centennial.

Khyati Joshi, education (Flor), discussed "Race, Religion and New Americans" at the College at Florham Library on November 28. The discussion was based on her new book *New Roots in America's*

Sacred Ground: Religion, Race and Ethnicity in Indian America, which draws on case studies and in-depth interviews with 41 second-generation Indian Americans.

As part of the School of Natural Sciences' annual Biology Seminar Series, **Alice Benzecry**, biological sciences (Metro), discussed the "Experimental Use of AquaBlok in the Environmental Restoration of the Meadowlands" on December 7 in Dickinson Hall, Metropolitan Campus.

Eamon Doherty, administrative science and director, Cyber Crime Training Lab (Metro), published his fourth book *eForensics and Signal Intelligence for Everyone*, which discusses computer forensics, electronic eavesdropping, and various elements of cybercrime. Gary Stephenson, a computer consultant in the United Kingdom; Kenneth Bruno, BS'04 (Metro), MS'05 (Metro), president of KAB Systems; and Joel Liebesfeld, current FDU graduate student and investigator for Valentine and Associates, co-authored the book.

The University Players presented "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" on November 30 and December 1 at the Russell H. Ratsch Experimental Theatre on the Metropolitan Campus. The cast included **Ronald Calissi**, executive associate dean for off-campus credit programs, Petrocelli College (Metro/Flor); **Nestor Melendez**, assistant dean of students (Metro); **Nyssa Schmidt**, records/graduate specialist, enrollment services (Metro); **Thomas Swanzey**, associate dean, Petrocelli College (Metro/Flor); and FDU students.

Denise O'Shea, systems librarian/technical support specialist, computing services (Flor), received a \$1,000 travel grant from Endeavor Information Systems, a Chicago, Ill.,-based software company. The grant, which is called the "2007 Bon Voyage Grant," will cover her expenses to the annual EndUser Conference to be held in Chicago in April 2007. By attending the conference, O'Shea will help FDU remain an effective user of Endeavor software, which powers CoolCATNJ, the libraries' Web-based catalog.

Krista Jenkins, political science (Flor), led a discussion about "Control Room," a documentary on perception of the United States' war with Iraq with an emphasis on Al Jazeera's coverage, on December 4 at the Orangerie, College at Florham Library.

Rosemarie Twomey, business law (Flor), is the author of "Mediation and its Merits as an Alternative Method of Employer-Employee Dispute Resolution," which was published in *Competition Forum*. She co-presented "Developing 'In and for the World' Leaders: A Start at the Global Forum," with **Daniel Twomey**, management and director, Center for Human Resource Management Studies (Flor), at the Global Forum held in Cleveland, Ohio, in October.

In Memoriam

Hussein Elkholy, emeritus, physics, died on November 22. He joined FDU in 1964 as

a professor in Becton College. He retired in 2001. Committed to research and scholarship, he headed the Dr. Hussein A. Elkholy Foundation, the first private foundation in Egypt dedicated to funding independent scholars, scientists, artists and local grassroots organizations from the Middle East and North Africa. He is survived by his wife, Samira, and children, Ramsy, Sherin and Magda.

Barbara Keefauver, charter member of the Friends of Florham, died on November 14. She was a founding member and for 17 years was executive director of the Arts Council of the Morris Area. Keefauver also was an active member of the Friends of Florham, a volunteer organization that assists University officials in preserving the historic elements of the College at Florham. She played a major role in the restoration and redecoration of the Mansion, particularly Lenfell Hall. Keefauver is survived by her husband of 57 years, William; children, Elizabeth Lyons of Potsdam, N.Y., and Bruce Keefauver of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Nancy Erickson of Ocean, N.J.; and grandchildren Caroline and Beth Lyons.

Patricia “Pat” Lemaire, retired benefits manager, human resources (Ruth), died on November 27 at the age of 77. She worked at FDU for 22 years until her retirement in 1994. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joe; her children, Joseph (BS’76 [Ruth]), William, Mary, Matthew, Thomas, Robert (BS’82 [R], MBA’85 [R]), Andrew (BS’85 [R]), Kate and their families.

James Leva, who served as a member of FDU’s Board of Trustees from 1992 to 1997 and an alumnus (BA’60 [Metro]), died on October 10 at the age of 74. A former chairman and chief executive officer of GPU, he was honored in 1997 at the University’s annual Charter Day, and chaired the 1996 event. Leva is survived by his wife, Marie, and four children.

Announcing

William Koenig, manager, human resources information systems (Metro), and his wife, Renee Koenig, BA’99, MAT’01 (Metro), announce the birth of their son, Austin Kilian, on November 2.

Welcome


The University welcomes new full-time and part-time employees who joined FDU as of December 2, 2006.

Welcome to **Derrick Banks**, director of admissions (Van); **Christopher Coulthard**, assistant men’s soccer coach, athletics (Flor); **Erica Curtis**, program associate, grants/sponsored projects (Metro); **Linette Graham**, assistant to the director, education (Metro); **Daniel Gray**, assistant baseball coach, athletics (Metro); **Charelle Hanley**, athletics coordinator, athletics (Metro); **Richard Ippolito**, officer, public safety (Metro); **Christopher Markferding**, officer, public safety (Flor); **Elena Privoroter**, associate director, enrollment services (Metro); **Miriam Santiago**, secretary, nursing/allied health (Metro); **Abby Shiffler**, assistant women’s soccer coach (Flor); **Stephen Small**, network analyst, University systems/security (Metro); **Pacita Villanueva**, library clerk, Weiner Library (Metro); **Gregory Wyzykowski**, assistant tennis coach, athletics (Metro); and **William Zotti**, assistant men’s basketball coach, athletics (Flor).

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