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Monday Report

## Calendar Events

### Environmental Week – April 21-26

**Sunday, April 20 - Like the outdoors?** Join a paddle tour by the Hackensack Riverkeepers that will travel down the Hackensack River, starting in Secaucus. Cost is \$30 per adult using kayaks. Two people in a canoe are \$10 per person. **Tour starts at noon.** Please contact Doug Short for more details at [dshort@bergen.edu](mailto:dshort@bergen.edu).

**Monday, April 21 - Virtual Riverkeeper Tour**, from **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** in **Room A-104**. Come by and get a virtual tour of the Hackensack River.

**Tuesday, April 22 - Earth Day** - Speaker: Robert Dill, at **11:00 a.m.** in **TEC-128**. Carbon Footprint 101. What is it? Why is it important? What can you do about it? Please come join this interesting and thought provoking discussion.

**Tuesday, April 22** - Documentary film "SICKO" by Michael Moore. Moderated by Sarah Markgraf and John Graham at **6:10 p.m.** in **Room A-104**. Mr. Graham's documentary deals with his response to the September 11 tragedy and having become ill as a result.

**Wednesday, April 23**, Keynote Speaker: Jim Merkel, from **3:10 to 4:30 p.m.** in **Room A-113**. Jim founded the Global Living Project (GLP) and initiated the GLP Summer Institute, where teams of researchers attempted to live on an equitable portion of the biosphere. Find out more by visiting their Web site at [www.radicalsimplicity.org/](http://www.radicalsimplicity.org/).

**Thursday, April 24** – Speaker: Roger Opstbaum, from **11:00 a.m.** to **noon** in **Room A-104**. Global Warming – there will be a discussion of the short and long term effects of global warming.

**Thursday, April 24 - Discussion Panel:** Presented by BergenLIT, from **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** in **Room A-104**. Love nature and like to read about it? Please come by and visit BergenLIT's lively discussions. Books to be discussed are: Emerson's "Nature," Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," and/or Thoreau's "Walden."

**Friday, April 25, Green Potluck**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Student Center Lobby**. Please bring one main dish and one dessert item to support this potluck event, along with your own place settings – plates, cups, utensils, and napkins. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Rachel Wieland at [rwieland@bergen.edu](mailto:rwieland@bergen.edu); in the subject window please put "Green Potluck."

**Saturday, April 26 – River Clean UP** – Want to get outside and show your support for the environment? Join us for a river clean-up in River Edge from **11:00 a.m.** to **3:00 p.m.** For location details, please contact Doug Short at [dshort@bergen.edu](mailto:dshort@bergen.edu).

**Triple Movie Feature** in **Room A-104**, starting at **5:30 p.m.**, for all interested environmental movie goers. Please come by for a thought provoking and mind-stirring experience! Movie Titles and Times: - "Texas Gold" from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**, "Rachel Carson" from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, and "Kilowatt Ours" from **9:00 to 11:00 p.m.**

### Monday Report Submissions

Please submit your news and accomplishments to Kim Meekins, of Vice President Porter's Office, via email at: [kmeekins@bergen.edu](mailto:kmeekins@bergen.edu).

When forwarding information, regarding an upcoming event, please make sure that you have included all information, i.e. time, location and contact person. For timely appearance of your announcements, all submissions must be received by **1:00 p.m. Thursday** for Monday publication.

## ... Continued Calendar Events

### Organ Donation Awareness Day

Please join us for Organ Donation Awareness Day on, **Wednesday, April 16**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

#### Keynote Speakers:

**10:00 a.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre** - Dr. Michael Shapiro, Chief of Organ Transplantation, and Dr. Andrew Pecora, Chairman & Executive Administrative Director-The Cancer Center, from Hackensack University Medical Center. At **11:30 a.m.**, in the **Cicccone Theatre**, Dr. Robert Manzi will discuss stem cell and kidney transplantation.

**Cicccone Theater at 11:45 a.m.** - Discussion Panel-Organ Donors, Recipients and Individuals Awaiting Organs: Loretta Borrows, Jennifer Calchi, Dr. Robert Manzi, Francisco Monzon, Frank McEntee and Michele Moller.

Organ Donation Awareness Jeopardy-Team Competition in the **Student Center** at **12:30 p.m.**

Film on the Illegal Sale of Human Organs at **1:30 p.m.** in the **Student Center**.

Student Posters and Project Presentations will be in the **Student Center** from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact Prof. Barbara Davis at [bdavis@bergen.edu](mailto:bdavis@bergen.edu).

### Dental Hygiene Program

The Dental Hygiene Program will offer FREE Oral Cancer Screenings on **Thursday, April 24**, from **9:00 to 11:30 a.m.** and **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in the dental hygiene clinic **Room S-327**. The program is the only dental hygiene partner in the Oral Cancer Consortium of N.Y. & N.J. It will be one of many dental schools and medical centers to offer the screenings on April 24. The screening takes approximately 10 minutes. It is quick, easy and painless. These few minutes could save your life! Please call Gerri Farrell at (201) 447-7937 to schedule a screening appointment.

### Reminder - Drug Free Workplace

The College's revised Drug Free Workplace Policy and Drug Testing Procedures were recently mailed to all employees at their home addresses. If you haven't received these documents or need another copy, you can find them on the College's Documents and Forms web page. (Go to <http://www.bergen.edu/pages/464.asp>, and then scroll down to the Executive Vice President's Office category. You'll find them listed there). Please note that you are **required** to sign and return the acknowledgement page to the Executive Vice President's Office (A330) that was due by **April 11**. If you need another copy of the acknowledgement page, click [here](#).

### Bergen's First Annual Literature Week April 15-18

Please join BergenLit, Bergen's new literature club, as they celebrate the local and global voices of the literary community in a weeklong series of lectures, performances, and discussions.

#### Tuesday 4/15

**11:00 a.m.** - Shakespeare Poetry Slam – **Room C313**.

**12:30- 3:00 p.m.** - Best of BergenLit – **Room C313**.

**12:30-1:00 p.m.** - Prof. Kelly Keane will present Zora Neale Hurston's - "How it feels to be Colored Me."

**1:00 - 1:30 p.m.** - Prof. Maria Makowiecka will discuss the poetry of Wislawa Szymborska.

**1:30-2:00 p.m.** - Prof. Diane Krumrey will discuss a poem by Joy Harjo.

**2:00 -2:30 p.m.** - Prof. Stacey Balkan will discuss the poetry and micro fiction of Jorge Luis Borges.

**2:30-3:00 p.m.** - Group Discussion.

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

#### Wednesday 4/16

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** - Creative Writing Workshop: "Exercise Your Creativity: Write the Story's Ending" - Hosted by Professor Dorothy Altman in **Room C313**.

**1:40 – 3:00 p.m.** - **The Golden Rule Dialogue** - Prof's Stacey Balkan and Peter Dlugos will host "The Golden Rule Dialogue," a workshop that invokes several sacred texts to foster an interfaith and intercultural conversation in **Room L147**.

#### Thursday, April 17

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** - New Jersey Poets: Allen Ginsberg and Amiri Baraka. Prof's Brian Cordell and Adam Goodell will discuss the poetry of these homegrown artists – **Room C321**.

**6:00 p.m.** - **Café Bergen** - BergenLit will present poetry from Darfur, Cuba, Israel, Palestine, and beyond in **W226, Recital Hall**.

Specific readings will be announced prior to each event, and copies will be available in the English Department—A333. Co-sponsored by CSIU—The Center for the Study of Intercultural Understanding.

### Mental Health Awareness: S.O.S. (Stamp out Stigma) Program

On **Wednesday, April 16**, in **TEC-128**, from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** the **Bergen Wellness Center**, in collaboration with the **Bergen County Mental Health Board**, the **NJ Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma** and the **Bergen County Mental Health Task Force of CHIP**, is sponsoring a mental health initiative. Please join us as we provide an interactive program with professionals in the mental health field. For more information, contact Professor Kathy Pignatelli, Bergen Wellness Center Director, at [kpignatelli@bergen.edu](mailto:kpignatelli@bergen.edu), or by calling (201) 493-3536.

## Faculty Accomplishments/Highlights

Prof. Laurie Lieberman was invited to present at the 2008 New Jersey Writing Alliance Conference, which was held on April 4th at Georgian Court University. The topic of her presentation was "Institutional Strategies to Promote Plagiarism Awareness."

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Two Bergen Marketing Honors Students, mentored by Dr. Barry Freeman of the Business Dept., presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the Northeast Regional Honors Council on April 5. The students' project, "Measuring Student Reaction to the new e-book Textbooks" is based on an extensive 300-student survey conducted at three N.J. college campuses. Survey findings describe how students currently feel about e-books.

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Gloria Delfico, Professional Assistant, and Mark Thompson, Assistant Director of Patron Information Services, in the Sidney Silverman Library, attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, Virginia, April 5 to 8. Mr. Thompson also participated in a full-day pre-conference, "Academic Library 2.0," which covered practical solutions for how to better engage today's library users by employing Web 2.0 and Library 2.0 technologies.

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Pat Denholm, Director of the Sidney Silverman Library, had an article, "Renovating a Community College Library," published in the *New Jersey Libraries Newsletter*, (Spring 2008 issue: pp.1-4). The article describes which tactics were effective when the library underwent renovations last spring, while services and collections remained available to the College community. It also details how the library gathered input and provided feedback to students and other users during the process.

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Dorothy Altman gave a presentation entitled "Using Memoir in Teaching Composition" at the Jersey College English Association Conference, on Saturday, March 29, at Seton Hall University. She gave one of three presentations as part of the panel "Creative Curriculum Design in Teaching Composition," chaired by Dr. Gita Das Bender.

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### **Bergen Community College Respiratory Therapy Students Deliver Valuable Services To The Community**

This fall, the Respiratory Therapy Students at Bergen Community College, provided a valuable service to the surrounding nursery schools in Bergen County. A need was expressed for educating nursery school employees in the area by Mrs. Jean Lagomarsino, the Community Health Nurse. This was done in order to provide care for children who have asthma and other breathing disorders. The College's Respiratory Therapy Program responded immediately by setting up several on-site informational and "hands-on" simulations in each school by our senior respiratory therapy students.

Many children in nursery schools have asthma and other breathing disorders. They are required to take nebulizer treatments on a daily basis. The nursery school employees asked to be trained in how give these treatments.

Starting last September, Bergen professors Robert Muller, Dr. Amy Ceconi, several clinical instructors, and the College's students visited one nursery school per week. Thus far, they have educated approximately one hundred nursery school employees.

The nursery schools were very grateful that the College "delivered" the services to their sites. The students provided the training to the workers during the children's nap times. Our Respiratory Therapy students found this valuable community service experience to be extremely rewarding. Teaching and demonstrating are some of the assets that a respiratory therapist must be able to perform, and this opportunity enabled our students to practice their skills. Community service learning is just one of the many projects that the students in the Respiratory Therapy Program will engage in on a yearly basis.