

Who's News?

Works of sculpture titled "Transfiguration to Hope" by Advertising Design & Graphic Arts Professor **Bernard Aptekar** were exhibited at Miejska Galeria Sztuki in Lodz, Poland, in September 2009. The exhibit is a narrative on Polish life and culture and the valiant struggle of the Polish people for autonomy and independence.

Assistant Professor **Oleg Berman**, Physics, presented "Bose-Einstein Condensation of Quasiparticles in Graphene," at the Nano and Giga Conference held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, August 10-14, 2009.

Assistant Professors **Mary Ann Biehl**, Advertising Design & Graphic Arts, **Peter Catapano**, Social Science, **Jean Claude '96**, Hospitality Management, **Gregory Matloff**, Physics, **Mark Noonan**, English, **Peter Parides**, Social Science, **Avis Smith**, Restorative Dentistry, **Peter Spellane**, Chemistry and **Xinzhou Wei**, Electrical/Telecommunications Engineering Technology, have been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor, effective January 1, 2010.

Former Chief Librarian and College Achivist **Catherine Veronica Tyler Brody** died at the age of 81 on Friday, September 4, 2009. She served for 30 years as a professor and administrator, and was the author of several books on the history of printing.

Distinguished Hungarian Philosopher and Fulbright Scholar **István Bujalos** is teaching at City Tech during the fall 2009 semester as a visiting professor. He is director and associate professor of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Debrecen, Hungary, and formerly served as the college's dean of faculty of humanities and social sciences

Assistant Professor **Jean Claude '96**, Hospitality Management, and culinary arts students treated hundreds of Downtown Brooklyn office workers and other passers-by to a tasting of Warm Eggplant with Garlic, Tomato and Basil on Brushetta at a Cooks in the Market foodfest held in Columbus Park near Borough Hall on September 24, 2009.

Assistant Professors **Candy Dato** and **Peggy Rafferty** together with Adjunct Assistant Professor **Kevin McGirr**, and more than 20 Department of Nursing students joined other nursing students from across the country in lobbying for healthcare reform in the nation's capital during summer break 2009.

Assistant Professor **Ann Delikan**, Humanities, presented "Getting Dependent Feet to Toe the Line: Asymmetrical Application of Segmental Processes in Malay" at the CUNY Linguistics Colloquium held at the CUNY Graduate Center on September 17, 2009.

Retired Acting Dean of Continuing Education **James A. Goldman** authored a guest article on "Why We Don't Say Shanath Tovath" for the "On Language" column of the October 9, 2009, edition of *The Jewish Daily Forward*.

College Laboratory Technicians **Calvin Grace** and **Chi Jau Yuan** have been recommended to the CUNY Board of Trustees for promotion to the rank of Senior College Laboratory Technician, effective January 1, 2010.

Computer Engineering Technology Professor **Iem Heng** will accompany students **Sandor Bocz**, **Michael Hernandez** and **David Ruffins** to Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 7-8, 2009. The three students have been selected to participate in the WPI's 1st Annual Robotics Innovations Competition & Conference (RICC). The students designed and built a five-fingered robotic prototype that mimics the finger movements of a controlling human wearing a wireless glove and sensor strapped to the human's arm.

Professor **Roman Kezerashvili**, chair of the Department of Physics, presented "Baryons in the Field Correlator Method" at the 10th International Conference on the Intersections of Particle and Nuclear Physics held in San Diego, California, May 26-31, 2009, "Deviations from Keplerian Orbits for Solar Sails" at the 6th International Academy of Astronautics Symposium on Realistic Near-Term Advanced Scientific Space Missions held in Aosta, Italy, July 6-10, 2009, and "A Four-Electron Artificial Atom in the Hyperspherical Function Method" at the 19th International Conference on Few-Body Problems in Physics held in at the University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany, August 31-September 5, 2009.

Sixteen drawings (pencil on gessoed wood panel) by Advertising Design & Graphic Arts Adjunct Lecturer **Joe LoGuirato** that showcased historically significant structures in Queens were on exhibit at the Bayside Historical Society through November 1, 2009.

Assistant Professor **Gregory Matloff**, Physics, presented a paper, "NEOs as Stepping Stones to Mars and Near-Earth Asteroids," at the 6th International Academy of Astronautics Symposium on Realistic Near-Term Advanced Scientific Space Missions held in Aosta, Italy, July 6-10, 2009. The paper was co-authored by **Monika Wilga**, a former student in Professor Matloff's astronomy classes.

Associate Professor **Jonathan Natov**, Mathematics, has been recommended to the CUNY Board of Trustees for promotion to the rank of Professor, effective January 1, 2010.

Assistant Professor **Justin Vazquez-Poritz**, Physics, presented "Escape Trajectories of Solar Sails and General Relativity" at the 6th International Academy of Astronautics Symposium on Realistic Near-Term Advanced Scientific Space Missions held in Aosta, Italy, from July 6-10, 2009, and "Strings on AdS Wormholes" at the 6th International Symposium on Quantum Theory and Symmetries 6 held at the University of Kentucky from July 20-25, 2009.

Professor **Robert Russo**, chair of the Department of Vision Care Technology, was honored with the Dennis Tilley Educator of the Year Award by the American Board of Opticianry-National Contact Lens Examiners at the organization's annual conference held during summer 2009 in Cincinnati.

After 28 years as a professor of metallurgy and then acting dean of the School of Technology & Design, **Sankar Sastri** retired to Bangor, Maine, and began what he calls the Lakshmi Cow Sanctuary. He now has 11 cows, along with seven cats and three roosters. Sastri's Hindu religion has played a big part in his decision to devote himself to the cows. "When you look at a cow," he said, "it's like 1,000 mothers looking at you with 2,000 eyes full of love and compassion."

Assistant Professor **Geoff D. Zylstra**, Social Science, lectured on "The Rise and Fall of Coney Island: A Story of Industrial and Post-Industrial Consumption" as part of St. Francis College's Lecture Series "Brooklyn Observed: History, Politics, Culture," on September 22, 2009.