



Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Topic for Speaker at MVCC March 11th

Associate Professor Kenneth Hermann of SUNY Brockport will speak on the Utica Campus March 11th on the topic of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Professor Hermann is director of the SUNY Brockport Vietnam Project, an international education program for exchange students between Vietnam and the United States, and is president and executive director of the Danang/Quang Nam fund, which provides direct aid to the poor in Vietnam.

He is also a consultant, media analyst, author and a military veteran who suffers from PTSD. Professor Hermann will speak at 12:00 noon on March 11th, in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center. The talk is open to the public free of charge. It is one of a series of pre-professional forums sponsored by an MVCC student organization, the Chemical Dependency Practitioners Club. The club is associated with MVCC's Associate degree program in Chemical Dependency Practitioner. Approved by the New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services, the curriculum is designed for individuals interested in becoming Credentialed Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselors.

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Vietnam Photo Exhibit Opens March 3rd at MVCC

An exhibit of photographs taken in Vietnam will open Thursday, March 3rd, in the lobby of the IT building. Entitled "Between Me and Eternity: Vietnam Passage," the exhibit is by Instructor William McGowan (right) of the BIT dept. An opening reception is scheduled for March 3rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The exhibit will continue through April 8th.



College Hosts Perinatal Loss Prevention Conference

On February 15th, the nursing students enrolled in NU 102 (Family Centered Nursing during the Pregnancy Cycle) attended the conference on Perinatal Loss presented by the Mohawk Valley Perinatal Network. The conference was held at MVCC and featured speaker, Denise Cote-Asenault.

Ms. Cote-Asenault received her Bachelors in Nursing and her Masters degree in Childbearing Family Nursing from Syracuse University. She received a PhD from the University of Rochester in Nursing and went on to a Post-Doctoral fellowship in Women's Health Research/Nursing from the University of Washington in Seattle.

She has researched and published several articles on Perinatal Loss. The conference presented the topic of perinatal loss, the types and their causes, the appropriate professional interventions and the family's response to subsequent pregnancies.

Millennium Project Update

Dr. Daniel Larson, Vice-President for Instruction

Although you don't hear about the Millennium Project every day, there continues to be a great deal going on with it. Delores Caruso, project director, is hard at work, involving many members of the MVCC faculty, administration, and staff in the activities.

A close coordination between the academies at Proctor High School and the related MVCC program curricula remains a priority. Some committees, involving primarily faculty members and department heads, have been collaborating with their Proctor counterparts on curriculum development. Two examples of this are the work that Celia Domser and the Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences Department are doing with their related Proctor academy and the work of Don Willner in Mathematics. Celia has taken the lead in meeting with Proctor colleagues to discuss curriculum issues and their relationship to MVCC programs. Although we are not involved in determining the high school curriculum, our Proctor colleagues are focused on that as they work to satisfy the requirements of the State Education Department. We seek to collaborate with our secondary education partners in finding ways to enhance the high school curriculum, and to provide students with more rigor, more engagement with their own learning, and with better writing and critical thinking skills.

Emphasis is placed on 11th and 12th grade students, as the Millennium Project helps to prepare them for entry into college at MVCC or elsewhere. Kathy Bernstein, of the Humanities Department and the Learning Center, has been a major contributor to this effort. She has revamped the ED 100 course to serve the unique needs of these high school students, creating a variation titled Introduction to College. Last Fall, 71 students took the course, learning about the collegiate environment and the skills needed to enroll and to be successful. Other MVCC courses have been identified as opportunities to accomplish this enhancement, but work remains to be done. A Pre-Calculus course is one success story, joined this Spring semester by the American National Government course.

We have an opportunity for collaboration in the area of mathematics education, as the State continues to revise how math instruction is organized, a few years ago having moved from Math 1, 2, and 3 to Math A & B, and now moving back to an algebra/geometry/trigonometry format. We will participate in designing those courses taken by students in the Millennium Project, especially so that those who later come to MVCC will be ready for success in our mathematics courses. A goal is to make whatever is done in this area to be transparent and portable so that students in other school districts may benefit from this work.

Recently, interest has been expressed by school superintendents in the Oneida-Madison BOCES in creating collaborations similar to the Millennium Project. Although they may vary from district to district in how they are organized and implemented, the common goal always will be student academic success.

Another important element of the Millennium Project is the Critical Friends Groups [CFGs]. These groups are comprised of teachers and administrators who commit themselves to working together toward increased student achievement. During monthly meetings, group members establish and publicly state learning goals for students, help each other think about more



Boyce To Receive The Eannace WERCing Partner Award



On Wednesday, March 9th, BIT Instructor Deborah Boyce will receive the Eannace WERCing Partner Award at a fundraising luncheon for the Women's Employment and Resource Center (WERC).

The award is presented to a community member who has developed a partnership with WERC that results in enhancing WERC's ability to provide quality and responsible services to its participants as they strive to become self sufficient.

WERC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women obtain self sufficiency through workforce development and training. The Director of the center is MVCC alumni Eleanor Moran. Board members include MVCC employees Janet Visalli, Board President; Eileen Dailey and Sharon Zohne.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, March 9th at noon at the Radisson. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the WERC office at 793-9700.

Save the Lab Concert

Tonight there will be a fundraising event at the Capitol Theater in Rome sponsored by the CNY Labor Council, to provide support for the effort to keep Rome Lab in place as the Base Realignment & Closure Commission (BRACC) develops its next round of recommendations.

The event will be a concert with guitarist Joe Bonamassa – a local native. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door.

All proceeds will be donated to The Griffiss Local Development Corporation to help save jobs at the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Northeast Air Defense Sector and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

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productive teaching practices, examine curriculum and student work, and identify school culture issues that affect student achievement. Involved faculty members may observe in each other's classrooms and offer feedback. A number of Proctor administrators and teachers have been trained or certified in this approach, with support from a grant provided by the New England Small Schools Network [NESSN]. From MVCC, Assistant Professor Cheryl Plescia, of the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department, has been certified. Others are welcome to participate. For details about the next training dates on March 16-18, contact Delores Caruso.

We have supported the Millennium Project proposal, apparently successfully, for a major four-year grant in the range of \$1.5-2 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support staff development. Other funding is being received, including a STEP [Science & Technology Entry Program] grant for work with Proctor students and a C-STEP [Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program] grant for work with MVCC students. Both grants are designed to help education better serve underprepared and underserved student populations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, that is, STEM subjects. The College is competing successfully for such grants because we have learned much about partnering with our Proctor colleagues through the Millennium Project.

As the Millennium Project success grows, so does its reputation. The New England Small Schools Network [NESSN] views it as a national model. School districts in Rochester and Buffalo have expressed an interest in what we are helping to accomplish in Utica.

A local delegation recently traveled to New York City to visit and learn from similar small schools
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Upcoming Events

Monday, 2/28

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques," 11:00am and Noon, IT 225.

Wednesday, 3/2

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques," Noon-1:00pm, PC 219, Rome Campus.

~Hospitality Programs Theme Dinner, "An Evening in Provence," \$18pp, 6:00pm, Hospitality Dining Room, Rome Campus. For reservations, call X7702, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Thursday, 3/3

~ Visiting artist David DeVries lecture, 3:00pm, IT 225; reception to follow.free workshop from Noon - 5:00pm, IT 225.

~ UCP job information table, 10:00am-Noon, PC Atrium, Rome Campus.

~ "Between Me and Eternity: Vietnam Passage," photographs by William McGowan, opening reception, 4:00pm-5:30pm, IT Lobby.

~ Cultural Series Event: MUSIC: "New England Winds (A United States Air Force Band of Liberty Ensemble)" 2:00pm, PH Lobby.

Friday, 3/4

~ Visiting artist David DeVries free workshop from Noon -5:00pm, IT 225.

~ Men's Basketball Regionals, TBA, Gym.

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~ Cultural Series Event: PERFORMANCE: "Eleemosynary," 12:30pm

and 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$3; MVCC students/faculty/staff/seniors free.

Saturday, 3/5

~ Men's Basketball Regionals, TBA, Gym.

~ Cultural Series Event: PERFORMANCE: "Eleemosynary," 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$3; MVCC students/faculty/staff/seniors free.

Sunday, 3/6

~ Men's Basketball Regionals, TBA, Gym.

Monday, 3/7

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Thursday, 3/10

~ Cultural Series Event: "An Evening with Henry Rollins," 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$8 for the public, and \$4 with College ID.

Friday, 3/11

~ Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder forum, Noon, ACC 116.

Saturday, 3/12

~ Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: "Debbie Trudeau & Sar Shalom-Strong," 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$8 for the public; free with College ID.

SUNY Training Center Hits the Intranet

A link was recently created for the SUNY Training Center Announcements on the MV Intranet. Rather than send out all user emails, with training information, these announcements will be posted weekly to the SUNY TC area on the Intranet. MVCC receives a number of training "points" that have equivalent dollar amounts which will cover costs of courses or trainings where fees are indicated. Some of these offerings are completely free! This is a wonderful resource to faculty and staff. Please check there weekly for the updates.

Your SUNY TC liaison is Patty Hirsch who will also track and monitor MVCC's training points. Please contact her via email phirsch@mvcc.edu for additional information or for a training points request.

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projects. One facility in the Bronx now has five small high schools in place of one large one. Morris High School, the alma mater of former Secretary of State Colin Powell, is partnering with Columbia University. Another school, the Julia Richmond Complex, has Brooklyn College as its partner. In many cases, the projects do not include major physical renovations but focus on the improvement of instruction and building student success.

I commend the members of the faculty and professional staff who have become involved - Don Willner, Celia Domser, Kathy Bernstein, Kevin Mokry, Bill Hysell, Jeff Gauer, Bill McGowan, and Sue Perry-Zasa, among others.

There is plenty of room for others who may be interested. We have a goal of including two members of the MVCC faculty on the Leadership Teams for each of the four Proctor academies, as we already do for the Physical Science and Technology Academy.

I encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about the Millennium Project, or to become actively involved, to contact Delores Caruso. There is much to be done, and your help is both needed and welcome. Watch for announcements of an information meeting in the near future.



Stacey Nederhand, a 2002 Human Services grad, is employed in the Emergency Department at Faxton-St. Lukes Healthcare, St. Lukes Campus. She currently attends SUNY IT.

MVCC to Offer Real Estate Salesperson's Qualifying Course

MVCC has been approved by New York State to offer a real estate salesperson's qualifying course. The first class will begin April 4th, and continue through June 1st on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., on the College's Utica Campus.

The course will prepare students to sit for the New York State real estate salesperson's examination, and satisfies mandated pre-licensing education requirements. Topics include: license law and regulations; law of agency; deeds, leases, contracts, liens, and easements; estates and interests; real estate closings, financing, valuation, and math; land use regulations and construction; fair housing, human rights, and environmental laws and issues.

Tuition for the 48-hour course is \$295. Purchase of a textbook will also be required.

For additional information, or to register, interested individuals should call MVCC's CCED at x5300.

All MVCC non-credit instruction is fully self-supporting, including indirect costs, and requires no public funds.