

# WESTCONN REPORT

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## FACULTY RECITAL

On Wednesday, April 9, WestConn woodwind faculty members will perform a recital at noon in Ives Concert Hall. Works by Paquito D'Rivera, Piazzolla, Albeniz, Ginastera, Villa-Lobos and Villoldo will be featured. The concert will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x78350.

## NEWMAN DINNER

On Wednesday, April 9, the Newman Center will host a free dinner at 5 p.m. in the center, 7 Eighth Ave., near the WestConn Midtown campus. The event will be free and open to WestConn students, faculty and staff only. For more information, call (203) 744-5846.

## DEBATE EVENT

On each Wednesday in April, the WCSU Roger Sherman Debate Society will host a "Debate a Debater" event from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Theater. For a \$2 contribution, members of the debate society will debate any topic for 10 minutes. The public is invited. For more information, call x78486.

## M.F.A. EXHIBITION

The Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) Thesis Exhibition, featuring the paintings and illustrations of WestConn M.F.A. students, is currently on display from noon to 4 p.m. weekdays through Friday, April 18, in the Higgins Gallery in Higgins Hall. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, call x78410.

## ENGLISH LECTURE

On Wednesday, April 9, University of Connecticut Associate Professor of English Dr. Mary Bercaw Edwards, an internationally recognized expert on the 19th century American author Herman Melville, will discuss "Sailor Talk, Cannibal Talk and Missionary Talk in the Early Works of Herman Melville" at 3 p.m. on the first floor of Warner Hall. Edwards' published books include "Melville's Sources" and

"Herman Melville's Whaling Years," and her latest work "Cannibal Old Me: Spoken Sources in Melville's Early Works" will be published by Kent State University Press in fall 2008. This inaugural lecture in the WestConn English department Faculty Lecture Series will be cosponsored by the department and WCSU Libraries. The program will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x79329.

## PRINTMAKING EXHIBITION

The Student Printmaking Exhibition, featuring the etchings, woodcuts and linoleum cuts by students in the printmaking and etching classes of Professor Rosalie Appel, will be on display from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays from Wednesday, April 9 through Friday, May 16, in the Third Floor Showcases in White Hall. The exhibition will be free and open to the public. For more information, call x78405.

## ART SLIDE LECTURES

On Thursday, April 10, illustrator Daniel Adel will discuss his work at 11 a.m. in Viewing Room 1 of White Hall. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Adel's illustrations have been featured for more than two decades in national magazines and newspapers.

On Tuesday, April 22, painter Jim Peters will discuss his work at 11 a.m. in Viewing Room 1 of White Hall. Since the prestigious CDS Gallery in New York began showing his works in 1984, Peters has emerged as one of the masters of contemporary American painting over the past two decades.

The events will be free and open to the public, and are presented as part of the university's Master of Fine Arts slide lecture series. For more information, call x78881.

## CABARET

On Thursday, April 10, WestConn will present the Child Care Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. in the Westside Campus Center

Ballroom. This fundraiser for the WCSU Child Care Center will bring performers from all corners of the campus together in an uplifting combination of music, dance and comedy. The public is invited; tickets will be \$15. WCSU students with valid I.D. will be admitted for \$5. For more information, call x78266.

## OPERA PRODUCTION

The WCSU Opera will present two Puccini one-act operas, "Suor Angelica" and "Gianna Schicchi" at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, through Saturday, April 12, and at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 in Ives Concert Hall. Admission will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted free. For more information, call x78499 or go to [www.wcsu.edu/tickets](http://www.wcsu.edu/tickets).

## JAZZ COMBOS CONCERT

On Sunday April 13, the WCSU Jazz Combos will perform at 3 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. Featured will be the Ruffels Combo, the Siegel I Combo and the Morrison I Combo. The program will include a variety of original compositions and arrangements of jazz standards such as "If I Were a Bell," "Take the A Train" and "Bluesette." The performance will be free and open to the public; donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call x78350.

## 13TH ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ON MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION (NECME)

The 13th Annual New England Conference on Multicultural Education (NECME) will be held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Carlos E. Cortés. The deadline to submit proposals is April 11; to submit a proposal online, visit [www.necme.org](http://www.necme.org). For more information, contact John Caruso at [carusoj@wcsu.edu](mailto:carusoj@wcsu.edu).

## AT-A-GLANCE

- April -18 M.F.A. Exhibition.** Higgins Gallery, noon to 4 p.m. weekdays. Artist reception on April 3, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call x78410.
- 9-5/16 Printmaking exhibit.** Featuring the etchings, woodcuts and linoleum cuts by students in the printmaking and etching classes of Professor Rosalie Appel. White Hall, Third Floor Showcase.
- 9 Faculty recital.** Featuring WestConn woodwind faculty members. Ives Concert Hall, noon.
- 9 Debate a Debater event.** Student Center Theater, 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call x78486.
- 9 English lecture.** "Sailor Talk, Cannibal Talk and Missionary Talk in the Early Works of Herman Melville" by Dr. Mary Bercaw Edwards. Warner Hall, first floor, 3 p.m.
- 9 WestCafe.** Westside Classroom Building, Room 218, 3 to 5 p.m. Open to faculty and
- 9 Softball.** WCSU vs. Manhattanville. Westside Field, 4 p.m.
- 9 Spanish table.** Berkshire Hall lounge, 5 to 6 p.m. Practice Spanish with peers and professors.
- 9 Newman dinner.** Newman Center, 5 to 7 p.m. Open to WestConn students, faculty and staff only.
- 9 Hour of Power (holy hour).** Newman Center, 9 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 10 Art slide lecture.** Illustrator Daniel Adel. White Hall, Viewing Room 1, 11 a.m.
- 10 Women's lacrosse.** WCSU vs. Western New England. Westside Athletic Complex, 4 p.m.
- 10 Cabaret.** Westside Campus Center Grand Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Midtown Coffeehouse.** Free for WestConn students, staff and faculty. Open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by featured act at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall. For more information, call x79700.
- 10-12 Opera production.** Featuring two Puccini one-act operas, "Suor Angelica" and "Gianna Schicchi." Ives Concert Hall, 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Admission: \$15 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted free. For more information, call x78499 or go to [www.wcsu.edu/tickets](http://www.wcsu.edu/tickets).
- 12 Open House.** For high school juniors. Feldman Arena, O'Neill Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 12 Softball.** WCSU vs. Plymouth State. Westside Field, noon.
- 12 Men's lacrosse.** WCSU vs. Keene State. Westside Athletic Complex, 1 p.m.
- 13 Softball.** WCSU vs. Wheaton and Tufts. Westside Field, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- 13 Jazz Combos concert.** Ives Concert Hall, 3 p.m.
- 13 Mass.** Alumni Hall, 5 p.m.; Westside Campus Center Room 212, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 14 Hatha yoga class.** Instructed by Eliza Littrell. Berkshire Gym South, noon to 1 p.m. Mats provided. Free and open to WestConn students, staff and faculty.
- 14 Political science lecture.** WestConn President James W. Schmotter to discuss Connecticut's economy. White Hall, Room 024, 2 to 3:15 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 14 Percussion ensemble concert.** Ives Concert Hall, 8 p.m.
- 15 Deadline.** For submittal of purchase requisitions for academic departments to the purchasing dept.
- 15 Brown bag discussion.** "Developing Overseas Study Programs at WCSU." Warner Hall, Room 103, noon. Free and open to the public. For more information, call x78734.
- 15 Women's lacrosse.** WCSU vs. Vassar. Westside Athletic Complex, 4 p.m.
- 15 Men's lacrosse.** WCSU vs. Salem State. Westside Athletic Complex, 7 p.m.
- 15 Faculty recital.** Benefit recital on violin featuring Professor of Music Eric Lewis and pianist William Braun. Suggested donation: \$25. Ives Concert Hall, 8 p.m. Reception to follow in Warner Hall.
- 16 IRB meeting.** Student Center, Room 228, 8 to 9:30 a.m.
- 16 Baseball.** WCSU vs. Albertus Magnus. Westside Field, 4 p.m.
- 16 Telescope viewing.** Viewing of the sun with solar-filtered telescopes. Science Building Observatory, 1 to 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call x78672.
- 16 Debate a Debater event.** Student Center Theater, 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call x78486.
- 16 Senate meeting.** Warner Hall, 103, 3 p.m.
- 16 Spanish table.** Berkshire Hall lounge, 5 to 6 p.m. Practice Spanish with peers and professors.
- 16 Italy seminar.** Information about the Reflections of Italy trip offered by the Alumni Office. Warner Hall, 5:30 p.m. For more information, call x78290.
- 16 Film screening.** "Searching German Roots and Impact in New York." Student Center Theater, 7 p.m.
- 16 Project Runway lecture.** Featuring Jeffrey and Santino from "Project Runway." Ives Concert Hall, 8 p.m. Admissions: \$20, WCSU students will be admitted for \$5 with valid I.D. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.wcsu.edu/tickets](http://www.wcsu.edu/tickets) or by calling x78499.
- 16 Hour of Power (holy hour).** Newman Center, 9 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 17 Italy webinar.** Information about the Reflections of Italy trip offered by the Alumni Office. Log on at [www.collettevacations.com](http://www.collettevacations.com) at noon. For more information, call x78290.
- 17 Women's lacrosse.** WCSU vs. Framingham State. Westside Athletic Complex, 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Lecture.** Featuring longtime cartoonist Dana Fradon. Science Building, Room 125, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call x78486.
- 17 Midtown Coffeehouse.** Free for WestConn students, staff and faculty. Open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by featured act at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall. For more information, call x79700.
- 18 Political science lecture.** Anthony Ciarleglio to discuss WestConn's cooperative education program. White Hall, Room 208, 11 to 11:50 a.m. Free and open to the public.

## FYI

## CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The CSU Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting at WestConn on Thursday, April 10 in Warner Hall. The agenda is as follows: The board will meet at 10 a.m. An open forum for students will begin at 11:30 a.m., and an open forum for faculty will be immediately following conclusion of students' open forum.

## INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD MEETINGS

The Institutional Review Board will meet in the Student Center, Room 228, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday April 16 and Wednesday, May 14, 2008. To submit a protocol, please send the original and 12 copies, at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting date, to the Office of Grant Programs in Warner Hall, Room 321. IRB forms and the link to the required on-line training programs for protection of human subjects can be found on the ERes page under "Institutional Review Board." For questions, contact Dr. Shane Murphy at x79398.

## JUNIOR OPEN HOUSE

The Open House for high school juniors will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Feldman Arena of the O'Neill Center. The day's events will include campus tours and information sessions. All the activities will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x79000.

## NEW EMPLOYEES TO WCSU

WestConn recently hired Melissa (Missy) Gluckmann, international services coordinator, academic affairs department.

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

April 25, 2008 is the deadline for applications for Faculty Development Funds for activity commencing June 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2008. The application can be found on the WCSU Web site under Faculty and Staff, (click on Faculty Handbook, then click on View Table of Forms). Be sure to include a WCSU Request for Professional Travel Worksheet with your application. For questions or more information, contact George Kain at x78514.

**DISSERTATION DEFENSE PRESENTATIONS**

Students in the Ed.D program will begin defending their dissertations in a 30-minute presentation, followed by a 30-minute period for questions from the audience. On Saturday, April 12, the presentations will be held in Pinney Hall and the schedule is as follows: Rima Zelvis, "The Effects of Visual Thinking Strategies on Reading Achievement of Students With Varying Levels of Motivation," 9:30 to 11 a.m.; Jessica Devine, "A Comparison of Teachers' Perceptions of the Leadership Styles of Middle School Principals and Instructional Leaders and Their Relationship to Teachers' Perceptions of School Climate," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Annmarie Spatola, "The Effects of a Study Skills Program on Self-Efficacy and Self-Regulated Learning Strategies Use," from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; and Deborah Hardy, "Perceptions of School Counselors and School Administrators With Respect to the Roles of School Counselors As They Implement the New York State Comprehensive School Counseling Model," from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, April 13, presentations will be held in the Westside Classroom Building, Room 218, and the schedule is as follows: Joan McGettigan, "An Investigation of the Relationship Between Writing Achievement and Writing Motivation By Gender in a Suburban Elementary School," from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; Patricia Anekwe, "Second-Generation Nigerian Youths: Factors That Determine Their Academic Outcomes," from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; and Susan Shaw, "The Effect of Metacognition on the Development of Mathematical Problem-Solving Skills in Grade Four Students' Homework Assignments," from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURES**

Adjunct Instructor Scott Benjamin will hold political science lectures during his classes on the following days: Monday, April 14, with WestConn President James W. Schmotter discussing Connecticut's economy from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in Room 024 of White Hall; Friday, April 18, with Anthony Ciarleglio, director of WestConn's cooperative education program, discussing career options from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in Room 208 of White Hall;

Monday, April 21, with business consultant Paul Streitz, who has twice sought a Republican U.S. Senate nomination in Connecticut, discussing immigration reform from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in Room 024 of White Hall; and Monday, April 28, with U.S. Rep. Chris Murphy discussing integrated trade from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in Room 024 of White Hall. The discussions are free and open to the public. For more information, call Benjamin at (860) 210-2146, ext. 129, or e-mail ben-jamins@wcsu.edu.

**INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR**

On Wednesday, April 16, a seminar to provide information about the Reflections of Italy trip offered by the WCSU Alumni Association will be at 5:30 p.m. in Warner Hall. The seminar will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x78290.

**TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK® DAY**

Take Our Daughters & Sons To Work® Day will be held on Thursday, April 24. This event is an opportunity for children to learn about the world of work, the challenges their parents face, and how the schoolwork they do today will help them by making choices for a better world for themselves and for their futures. This event, co-sponsored by Human Resources, Student Affairs and the Women of Westconn (WOW), is open to all WCSU employees. You may bring your sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, mentees, etc. The only requirement is that the girls and boys must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age. The day will consist of a welcoming breakfast 9 a.m., campus tours, classroom visits, group activities, lunch, and a wrap up activity at approximately 2 p.m. If you are interested in participating either by bringing your child(ren) or volunteering for the day of the event, please respond to Lisa Temkin Carrozza via email at temkinl@wcsu.edu.

**PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

On Monday, April 14, the WCSU Percussion Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. The performance will be free and open to the public; donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call

x78350.

**PURCHASING DEADLINES**

To support fiscal year-end requirements, the deadline for submittal of purchase requisitions to the purchasing department is April 15 for academic departments and May 15 for administrative departments. All goods must be delivered by June 1. For questions, please call Esther Boriss at x78758.

**BROWN BAG DISCUSSION**

On Tuesday, April 15, a brown-bag panel discussion "Developing Overseas Study Programs at WCSU" will be at noon in Room 103 of Warner Hall. Topics to be discussed will include: What does the overseas experience bring to WCSU students and the university community? How does it affect students' career choices and life decisions? What have we as educators learned from our experiences directing overseas programs? What kinds of programs will be most valuable for our student population? The discussion will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x78734.

**FACULTY RECITAL**

On Tuesday, April 15, WestConn Professor of Music Eric Lewis will perform a benefit recital on violin at 8 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. With pianist William Braun, Lewis will play sonata duos by Mozart, Franck and Brahms in a tribute to one of his idols, Russian violinist David Oistrakh. The suggested donation is \$25 with the proceeds to be divided between the WestConn Music Department Scholarship Fund for String Students, and Healing the Children, an organization dedicated to sending doctors worldwide to care for children. There will be a reception in Warner Hall after the concert where patrons will be treated to a photographic exhibit by Bruce Byers, who has documented the work of Healing the Children doctors across the globe. For more information, call x78350.

**INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR**

On Thursday, April 17, a Webinar to provide information about the Reflections of Italy trip offered by the WCSU Alumni Association will be at noon at [www.collettevacations.com](http://www.collettevacations.com). The Webinar will be free and the public is invited to log in. For more information, call x78290.

**FILM SCREENING**

On Wednesday, April 16, the WCSU German Studies Center will present a film screening and discussion about "Searching German Roots and Impact in New York" at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Theater. Dr. Heinrich Neumann, consul for press and public information of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, will discuss 400 years of Germans in America. The screening and discussion will be free and open to the public. For more information, call (203) 792-2795.

**PROJECT RUNWAY LECTURE**

On Wednesday, April 16, WestConn will present Jeffrey and Santino from "Project Runway" at 8 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. General admission tickets will be \$20; WCSU students will be admitted for \$5 with valid I.D. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.wcsu.edu/tickets](http://www.wcsu.edu/tickets), by calling x78499, or at the Westside Campus Center Box Office. For additional information, call x78214.

**LECTURE**

On Thursday, April 17, Dana Fradon, longtime cartoonist for The New Yorker magazine, will discuss "The 'Lite' History of Funny Folk" at 7 p.m. in Room 125 of the Science Building. Fradon has been under contract with The New Yorker since 1950 and more than 1,400 of his cartoons have been published by the magazine. He's also illustrated several prize-winning children's books. Fradon's talk will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x78486.

**PSYCHOLOGY LECTURE**

On Friday, April 18, Dr. Kathryn Henderson, of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University, will give a Psychology and Health Week lecture at 1 p.m. in the Student Center Theater. Sponsored by the WCSU Psychology Club and the WCSU Chapter of Psi Chi, the talk is part of a series of "PsychMatters: Invited Lectures" to be offered by the psychology department this year. For more information, call x79398.

**ANCELL ALUMNI NIGHT**

On Friday, April 18, WestConn will host a

complimentary reception for alumni who graduated from the Ancell School of Business at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Westside Campus Center. For more information, call x78290.

**COMMUNITY FUN WALK/RUN 2008**

On Saturday, April 19, the Institute for Holistic Health Studies (IHHS) and the HPX Club will host a 5K walk/run to benefit IHHS scholarships and fund future events and programs, beginning at 10 a.m. from the Ballroom of the Westside Campus Center. Participants should plan to arrive at 9 a.m. to register. There will be a health fair at 11 a.m. in the Westside Campus Center Ballroom. Both the walk/run and the health fair will be open to the public. Individual registration fees for the walk/run range from \$10 to \$25, depending upon age, category and date of registration. Group discounts and preregistration discounts are available. Admission to the health fair will be free for those registered for the walk/run, and for WCSU faculty, staff and students with valid I.D. Admission will be \$5 for the public. For more information or to preregister for the walk/run, call x78882.

**CONCERT CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT**

On Sunday, April 20, the WCSU Concert Choir and the WCSU Chamber Singers will perform "Images of War!" at 3 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. The program will include compositions on the theme of war augmented by a continuous slide show portraying images of war in photographs, posters, graphic novels and paintings. Professor of Music Dr. Kevin Jay Isaacs will conduct, with Adjunct Professor of Music Patricia Lutnes at the piano. The performance will be free and open to the public; donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call x78350.

**COMPUTER ANIMATION FESTIVAL**

The seventh annual WestConn computer animation festival, AniFest '08, will feature continuous showings of student-produced computer animation short features daily from April 21 through 23 in the Student Center Theater. Other highlights of the festival will include an "Art of Animation" poster exhibition in the Student Center

and a lecture by a BlueSky Studio representative at a date and time to be announced. Admission will be free and the public is invited. For information, visit the AniFest '08 Web page at <http://cs.wcsu.edu/cgr/festival08> or contact Center for Graphics Research Director Dr. William Joel at x79353.

**JAZZ COMBOS CONCERT**

On Monday, April 21, the WCSU Jazz Combos will perform at noon in Ives Concert Hall. Featured will be the Jazz Guitar Ensemble II, the DeAngelis Combo, the Morrison II Combo and the Tomlinson II Combo. The performance will be free and open to the public; donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call x78350.

**ONLINE CHAT SESSION**

On Tuesday, April 22, an opportunity to chat online with Professor Emeritus Dr. Harry Schramm and a current WestConn student to discuss "WestConn - Then and Now" will be at 7 p.m. at a link accessed from [www.wcsu.edu/alumni](http://www.wcsu.edu/alumni). The chat session will be free and the public is invited to participate. For more information, call x78290.

**HISTORY LECTURE**

On Wednesday, April 23, Associate Professor of History and Non-Western Cultures Dr. Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox will discuss "From Bob Dylan to Friedrich Nietzsche: Existentialism in 1960s Saigon" at 1 p.m. in Warner Hall. The talk will be free and the public is invited. It is sponsored by the WCSU History Society. For more information, call x78484.

**SCIENCE SEMINAR**

On Wednesday, April 23, Dr. Joshua Schwartz, associate professor in the department of biology and health sciences at Pace University, will discuss "Communication and Mate Choice in the Gray Treefrog, *Hyla versicolor*" at 4 p.m. in Room 219 of the Science Building. Offered as part of the continuing "Research Seminar" series hosted by the department of biological and environmental sciences, the event will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x78793.