

Delhi People

First Fulbright for Delhi Award-Winner

Associate Professor **Linnea Goodwin Burwood** has been named a Fulbright Scholar for 2009-10 making her Delhi's first recipient of this prestigious international honor.

Dr. Goodwin will travel to Russia next year to serve as a scholar in residence to the School of Foreign Languages and Area Studies at Moscow State University. Her research will focus on historical documents related to the Russian Revolution that were gathered during train trips across Russia in 1921. The documents were to be housed in a Russian Revolution museum and have never been previously studied.

"It was their intent to build a museum on the Russian Revolution,

but it never happened," says Dr. Goodwin. "Nobody has ever gone into the archives to learn why."

Dr. Goodwin's Fulbright project will build on her previous research on Russian-American anarchist Alexander Berkman who traveled on the train trips. She is currently working on a Berkman biography and expects to secure a publisher by this fall.

"This is a tremendous honor for Dr. Goodwin and brings national prominence to SUNY Delhi," says President **Candace Vancko**. "The Fulbright Program is among the most highly respected and competitive awards in higher education. Dr. Goodwin's selection recognizes her outstanding scholarship and will provide an impor-



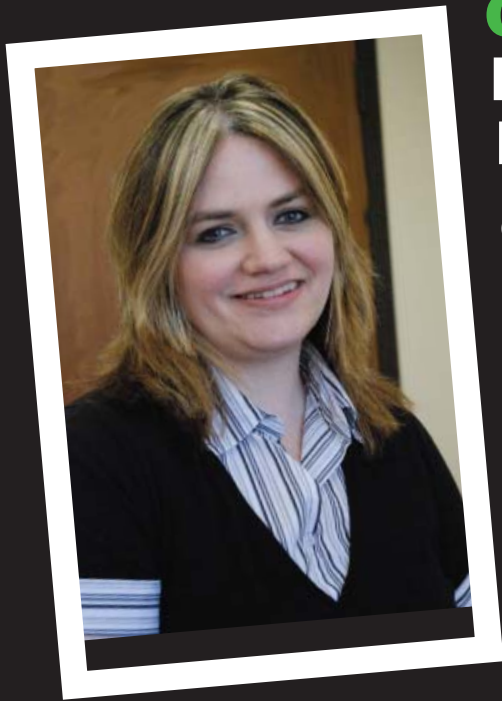
Professor Linnea Goodwin Burwood

tant piece of an underexposed part of Russian history to Russia and the international community."

Although Dr. Goodwin has spent 26 years studying Russian history, she has never visited the country. Her accommodations will be in the Olympic Village that was built for the 1980 games and her studies will be overseen by Dr. **Svetlana Ter-Minasova**, the Dean of

the School of Foreign Languages and Area Studies at Moscow State University. Dr. Goodwin will also teach one graduate course at the University.

"This honor is for my colleagues and the Delhi campus community," says Dr. Goodwin. "It is a vindication of all our hard work. It should make everyone feel that all things are possible."



Q & A with... LouAnn Matthews-Babcock

Occupation: Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Community Development

Birthplace: Rome, NY

Education: B.A. in Speech Communications and Dramatic Arts from Utica College and an M.S. in Education Administration and Policy Studies from SUNY Albany

What do you like most about your job? What I like most is the opportunity to help students learn from their behavior and teach them how their behavior affects the campus

community. It's nice to see them make better choices and become better citizens. Someday they'll be someone's neighbor and know how to act responsibly.

Who do you most admire? I admire my mom. She's been through a lot in her life, but she never lets it get her down. She always puts a positive spin on things. She's an elementary school teacher, and I like to think that she's molding the students I'll eventually come in contact with.

What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem? Delhi has such a caring staff and faculty. Many colleges say they are student-centered, but we truly are. We're also a family. At the end of the day, we realize we're all here for the same reason and really care for one another. That's the welcoming part of Delhi; it has a trickle-down effect. The students notice.

What is your greatest achievement? My greatest achievement is being where I am today.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? Actually, I like being me. Being someone else, you need to take the good with the bad. There's a lot to be said about walking in someone else's shoes.

Provost Pick Announced

John Nader, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will assume the position of Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs beginning January 1, 2010.

Dr. Nader will succeed **Dennis Callas** who is retiring December 31 after 36 years of distinguished service to SUNY Delhi. Callas will continue to serve on special projects during the spring semester.

"Dr. Nader has done an outstanding job of directing our major college planning initiatives, and he has expertly guided an expansion of programs offered through the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division," says President **Candace Vancko**. "He is an accomplished scholar whose vision and leadership will help make Delhi's academic programs even stronger."

"The Provost's position offers a great opportunity to make a very good academic institution even better," says Dean Nader. "SUNY Delhi has made great strides due to the remarkable efforts of the faculty, staff and administration. This position will allow me to

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Seeing Seattle



Dean of Enrollment Services **Craig Wesley** took two of Delhi's visiting Chinese students, **Yupeng Zheng** and **Ke Yang**, on a trip to Seattle during Delhi's recent spring break. They visited the Seattle Public Library, Pike Street Market, the International District, and the site of the 1962 World's Fair. During their stay, the group took a ferry across Puget Sound and toured the Boeing aircraft manufacturing plant in Everett. Pictured is Yupeng (above, left) in front of the Seattle skyline on the Puget Sound Ferry, and Ke (above, right) in a Boeing simulator.

work with people whom I greatly respect to strengthen Delhi's commitment to further improving and expanding its academic programs."

As Dean of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division, Dr. Nader has directed the introduction of new academic programs that have significantly increased enrollment at SUNY Delhi. Criminal Justice, Teacher Education, Environmental Studies, the Undeclared Major, and the first online RN to BSN in New York State are among the new programs developed during his tenure. Dr. Nader has also guided faculty efforts to develop the extensive range of upper level courses required to support SUNY Delhi's expansion of baccalaureate degree programs. He has worked to provide more challenging opportunities for academically talented students through a series of honors courses. He has recruited faculty with impressive academic and publishing backgrounds.

A nationwide search was conducted to fill the position of Provost. Search committee members included: Chair **Dominic Morales**, Dean of Applied Sciences and Recreation; **Barbara Kaplan**, Assistant to the President; **Peter Clement**, Assistant Professor; **David Brower**, Assistant Professor; **Jackie Howard**, Instructor; **Peter Paluch**, Assistant Professor; **Brigid Finn-Maguire**, Associate Professor; **John Taylor**, Professor; **Mike Noonan**, Associate Professor; **Tom Banks**, Testing Coordinator/International Student Advisor; **Rob Dubben**, Student Senate Vice President, and **Christian Vesterfelt**, Counselor.

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Kudos

The Deans Council has awarded several Professional Development Grants. Assistant Professor **Joan Erickson** received \$93 to attend the New York State Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges annual conference in Albany. Professor **Patricia May** and Associate Professor **Monica Liddle** each received \$150 to attend “Improving the Teaching and Learning of Statistics” in Buffalo. Assistant Professor **Daniel Klossner** received \$242 to attend The Empire State Association of Two Year College Biologists annual conference in Corning. Associate Professor **Rick Golding** received \$300 to attend the Joy of Teaching conference in Plattsburgh.

Out and About

Delhi joined the celebration of SUNY’s 60th anniversary by participating in the scholarly conference, “SUNY and the Promise of Public Higher Education in America.” President **Candace Vancko** served as a moderator of a panel that discussed the evolution of SUNY’s Colleges of Technology. The panel featured presentations on how these colleges have been transformed from small agricultural focused

institutions into modern colleges of technology. Dr. **Mary Pat Lewis**, Professor and Nursing Department Chair, joined Associate Professor **Deborah Adelman** and Assistant Professor **Cheryle Levitt** to present “History of the Future: Trailblazing Innovations in Nursing Education.” Their presentation examined the role the SUNY system has played in education nursing professionals in New York State. Their presentation abstract will be included in a book that will be published from the conference.

Assistant Professor **Jack Tessier** attended National Science Foundation Day at Binghamton University to learn how to be successful in writing proposals for NSF grants.

Instructor **Mark Schneider** arranged for several guest lecturers from area utility companies to address students enrolled in the Electrical Utility Operations course. Topics included knot tying for linemen, basic pole climbing instruction, climbing equipment and hand tools, easements and right-of-way management, and pole-top construction training at the college’s outdoor utility lab. The Electrical Utility Operations class also made visits to Delaware County Cooperative’s Delhi Dis-

tribution Station, DMV International, and New York State Electric & Gas Electric Skills Training Facility in Oneonta.

Distinguished Professor **Joe Greenfield** and Professor **Mike Miller**, with the help of Enrollment Counselor **Pam Hilton**, hosted a Computer Aided Drafting and Design scholarship competition on March 21. Students from across New York State were invited to create a finished drawing using the college’s CADD software. Four students won scholarships to Delhi ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.

Associate Professor **Kirby Olson** served as a judge for the recent *Daily Star* Spelling Bee.

Assistant Professors **Amy Baeza** and **Erika Fogle** and Associate Professor **Alan Franks**, Veterinary Science Department Chair, and 94 Veterinary Science Technology students traveled to the New England Aquarium in Boston, MA, where they received “behind-the-scenes” tours from aquarium staff members.

Professor **Nancy MacDonald** and Woodworking/Cabinetmaking students designed, built and installed custom bookcases in

Delhi Derby



When Associate Professor **Gary Brackett** asked **Steven Ryder** (pictured above, right, with President **Candace Vancko**) to make a Pinewood derby car on behalf of SUNY Delhi, Ryder, a second-year Carpentry and Building Trades student, was more than happy to participate. The car took Ryder three days to construct and was entered in the Adult/Sibling division of the Boy Scouts Pack 33 Pinewood Derby Race at the American Legion in Delhi on March 29.

Safe Spring Break



SUNY Delhi's Health and Counseling Peer Educators offered their fellow students tips on how to celebrate a safe spring break by hosting "mocktail" stations in Sanford and MacDonald Halls during the month of March.

The peer educators offered free mocktails (kiwi sunrise punch, pina colada punch, and lemon-lime punch) as alternatives to drinking alcohol. Recipes and safety tips were available as well as lots of sunscreen and lip ointment for protection against the sun. The group was supervised by **Karen Gabriel**, Nurse Practitioner/Clinic Supervisor.

Pictured above (left to right): Peer Educators **Raymond Schum**, **Celeste Hohl**, **Beth Harrington**, **Laura Diaz**, and **Gelitza Gutierrez** serve students **Darissel Rodriguez** and **Michelle Wilson**.

Foreman Hall for the Counseling and Health Services offices.

Professor **Lynn Domina** attended the annual conference of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs in Chicago, IL.

Assistant Professor **John Reehner** was a Sigma Xi special

awards judge for the 30th Annual Greater Syracuse Scholastic Science Fair at Solvay High School.

Associate Professors **Mike Barnes** and **Bob Seibert** and Hospitality Coordinator **Aliza Rutledge** accompanied four Hospitality Management students to Glen Island Harbour Club in



Staff Associate **Lorraine Keckeisen** worked with the City of Syracuse Water Department to sponsor a small scale on-site wastewater system design course in Skaneateles. Trainers included (left to right) **Eric Murdock**, Chief Engineer, Division of Water, City of Syracuse; **Lorraine Keckeisen**; **Joe Yavonditte**, PE, Department of Conservation-Albany; **G. Norman Schreib**, PE; **T. Boekeloo**, PE, Department of Conservation-Albany; and **George Barden**, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Inspector, Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District.

New Rochelle for the 2009 Regional Vendor Exposition.

Professor **Bill Moyse** and Instructor **Alan Smith** attended the Journal of Light Construction Trade Show in Providence, RI.

Library Director **Pam Peters** recently served as an external reviewer for Hudson Valley Community College's Marvin Library.

In Print

Professor **Lynn Domina's** poetry recently appeared in issues of *Margie: The American Journal of Poetry*, *Lake Effect*, and *Paper Street Online*.

Assistant Professor **Jack Tessier's** manuscript, "An Inquiry-Based Biology Laboratory Improves Preservice Elementary Teachers' Attitudes about Science" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of College Science Teaching*.

Two of Associate Professor **Kathryn DeZur's** poems "Geography" and "Infestation of Luck" will be published in issue six of the literary magazine, *The Fourth River*.

They've Got Issues



Hospitality Management majors, accompanied by Assistant Professor **David Brower** and Associate Professor **Robert Seibert**, discussed the economy and the importance of tourism in New York State during a March 10 meeting with Senator **John J. Bonacic**. The meeting was part of the 2009 Tourism Showcase, sponsored at The Egg in Albany by the New York State Hospitality and Tourism Association (NYSHTA). Pictured are: (back row) **Alex Mercedes, Bob Seibert, David Kubiak, Nate Gresock, Senator Bonacic, Maurice Jones, Brian Wallenhorst, and David Brower**; (middle row) **Michelle Benincasa, Vanessa Vassell, Daphnee Pierre, Deanna Miles, Danielle Schafer, Ashley Cole, Debra Trulli-Cassale** of NYSHTA and **Mika Nakamura**; (bottom row) **Katherine Orlowski, Lisa Knapp, Kristin Bourdeau, Bridgette LePinnet, Jamie Rywalt, Stacey Patch, and Yuka Ideuchi**.