Edith Kaplan Honored for Lifetime Achievement

Psychology Professor Edith Kaplan received a Lifetime Distinguished Career Award from the International Neuropsychological Society at its 36th annual meeting in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Kaplan, who was honored for her contributions to the field of neuropsychology, joined the University in 1996 and is the founder of the neuropsychology concentration of the doctoral program in clinical psychology.

“Edith Kaplan has long served as a mentor, role model, supervisor, colleague and friend to many fellow neuropsychologists. It is only fitting that she receive such a distinguished award in recognition of her years of dedication and unwavering enthusiasm for the field of neuropsychology,” said Haley LaMonica, a Suffolk clinical psychology doctoral student who attended the event.

Kaplan is included in a distinguished group of individuals who played a pivotal role in establishing neuropsychology as a distinct clinical and professional discipline. As founder of the Boston Process Approach to neuropsychological assessment, she initiated a movement in the United States that offered a radical alternative to strictly quantitative assessment batteries by highlighting the importance of cognitive strategies and error pattern analysis versus sole reliance on outcome scores.

She has served as president of both the International Neuropsychological Society and Division 40 of the American Psychological Association. Kaplan is also an adjunct professor of neurology at Boston University School of Medicine.

Kaplan is author or co-author of some of the most widely used neuropsychological

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College Pilot Blog Proves Popular

When Michelle Bolser piloted a blogging program at the College of Arts and Sciences, she expected that perhaps 10 people would test the waters. But six weeks after the launch, the site already was hosting 60 blogs. And on March 27, the site had reached 100 bloggers.

The blogs were launched in January in response to faculty requests, and faculty members have built blogs that include class materials, research and presentations. Students are blogging under the direction of faculty, and the dean's office has a blog for posting information about events and another for the College's alumni magazine.

But the College blog's popularity has spread even beyond the campus community.

“Many of the student blogs are drawing comments from outside the University,” said Bolser, educational technology coordinator for the College.

“People stumble across the blogs, like what they see, and subscribe.”

The College blogs, located at http://blogs.cas.suffolk.edu, are built on the WordPress open source platform, which is easy to use, according to College Director of Communications Sherri Miles. “Blogs have so much appeal because they provide a simple and instant way to publish information—you can change text and add photos any time, and the results are immediately viewable on the Internet.”

The software uses rich text format, and there's no need for coding, so bloggers can cut and paste text from a Word document, said Bolser. It also can incorporate plug-ins, such as video files.

Lab Tech Manager Rich Limone and Andrew Teixeira, senior Unix systems administrator, both volunteered to set up and administer the WordPress server for

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New Public Affairs Director, SUN Editor

Greg Gatlin, the University’s new director of the Office of Public Affairs, also will serve as executive editor of the SUN. Gatlin joins the University after 10 years at the Boston Herald, where he had risen through the ranks from reporter to deputy business editor and, most recently, business editor. He also has worked as a reporter at The Patriot Ledger and the MetroWest Daily News and in production at ABC News in New York. (Photo by John Gillooly)

Hear All about Us on iTunes U

The University is using iTunes U to bring new educational resources to both the University community and an external audience.

Professors and staff have developed podcasts of courses, lecture series, productions and marketing material as part of the University’s efforts to prepare a public site for iTunes U and to offer private online content to students. Many of these files can be downloaded for listening or viewing by accessing iTunes U through Blackboard or the Law School Web site.

The Legal Practice Skills faculty at the Law School has launched a podcast series of weekly legal writing tips. Subscribers can automatically download these podcasts when new content becomes available and listen to them anywhere or anytime. They are available to the public at www.law.suffolk.edu/iTunes.

In May the Law School will launch a guest speaker podcast series, featuring legal writing experts from around the country who will provide advice on applying the legal research and writing skills learned during their first year of law school to summer legal employment. The Legal Practice Skills department will host the series, but the intended audience includes first-year law students nationwide. It will be available, free of charge, on iTunes U.

College podcasts are primarily private and course-specific at this time, with professors from Education and Human Services, Mathematics and Computer Science, Biology, Theatre, Humanities and Modern Languages, and the New England School of Art & Design offering video and audio content to students in their courses.

All schools will be developing additional public and private podcasts over the spring and summer, with the goal of launching a comprehensive Suffolk University site on iTunes U next fall to showcase the school’s law, business and liberal arts areas of study.

These public and private faces reflect the potential of iTunes U as both an educational and a marketing tool based on the site’s visibility and traffic.

New Issue of Salamander Literary Journal

The latest issue of Salamander, a literary journal edited by English Professor Jennifer Barber and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, features:

- Fiction by David Crouse, Rachel Klein, Dana Kinstler and Kathryn Gahl
- Poetry by John F. Deane, Todd Hearon, Carol Moldaw, Eric Pankey, Christopher Siteman, Pam Bernard and Jessica Greenbaum
- A portfolio of photographs, “Consider the Oyster,” by Emily Hiestand

Salamander took part in this year’s Associated Writing Programs Conference in New York City.

Rappaport Chair at Law School

Alasdair Roberts, a professor of public administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, will join Suffolk University Law School this fall as the first holder of the Rappaport Chair in Law and Public Policy.

“Alasdair Roberts is one of the leading scholars in law and policy studies in the country today,” said Suffolk Law School Dean Fred Aman. “His stellar accomplishments as a scholar and a teacher and his creative approach to law and policy issues will ensure that the Rappaport Center will play a leadership role in some of the most important law and policy issues of our times.”

Roberts, the first to hold the chair, is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and an honorary senior research fellow of the constitution unit at the School of Public Policy at University College London.


“I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to serve as the first Rappaport Chair in Law and Public Policy,” said Roberts. “Suffolk Law School has three great advantages: talented people, a tradition of public service and a perfect location. It is the ideal place to have conversations about the intersection of law and public policy.”
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the pilot project and have been adding more functionality over time.

Except for an initial e-mail announcing the pilot, there was no advertising to prompt the huge response, said Bolser.

Her own blogs include a wide range of technical information, including support for bloggers and those preparing iTunes University content. Bolser also has offered both classroom and one-on-one training.

The College blogs are generally public, but different levels of privacy are available to users. The S.O.U.L.S. Community Service and Learning Center originally opted for a private blog, using it in much the same way as Blackboard, but finding that it is easier to use.

A move is afoot to open the blogging project to the wider University, and a committee is being formed to look into both technical and policy issues.

Meanwhile, various departments across campus are also blogging, including the Sawyer Library, Admissions and Career Services. Law professors are particularly active in the off-campus blogosphere, and the University Web site links to blogs from student ambassadors.

Green Campus

City Honors University with Green Business Award

The city of Boston has selected Suffolk University as a recipient of the second annual Thomas M. Menino Green Business Award, based on the University’s many academic and operational sustainability initiatives.

One of our areas of success has been in reducing energy consumption. The University’s electricity consumption was reduced 9 percent in February as a result of installing high-efficiency lighting, a benefit to both the environment and the budget.

The lighting and water improvements are expected to be completed by June 2008, and Facilities is exploring additional efficiency opportunities.

We’re also taking our energy efforts on the road. Suffolk is now a university partner of Zipcar, which means that qualified faculty, staff and students have access to a discounted membership. Members also receive discounts to area attractions. Each Zipcar takes 15 privately owned vehicles off the road. Information is available at www.zipcar.com/suffolk.

The University is participating for the second year in Recycle Mania, a national waste-reduction and recycling competition for colleges and universities. Suffolk has achieved a weekly average of 35 percent recycling during this year’s competition, surpassing its goal of 33 percent. Just two years ago the campus recycled less than 5 percent of its waste stream.

The Sustainability Committee would like to remind you to be mindful of the waste stream as you clean your office this spring. Before you throw away a binder, book or supplies, ask yourself if it can be reused within your department. If not, contact recycle@suffolk.edu to make a donation. Suffolk has relationships with local organizations such as Extras for Creative Learning, which collects used supplies for Boston-area artists and schoolchildren.

Did you know? A glass bottle takes thousands of years to break down if sent to a landfill, but it can be made into a new item within weeks if sent to a recycling plant.

Gordon B. King
Senior Director, Facilities Planning and Management

SMART Idea for Archives

The University and Moakley archives will launch an online archive this fall, and researchers and the general public will be able to search across all of the University’s archival holdings using the Suffolk/Moakley Archives Research Tool, or SMART, online catalog.

The archives staff thought long and hard to come up with a catchy name for the database, even reaching out to and offering a “special archives gift” for ideas.

In the end, Nicole DeAngelo of the archives staff came up with the SMART acronym.

“We had been brainstorming in the office that day about the name, and it popped into my head as I was riding home on the commuter rail,” said DeAngelo.

No word yet on what the “special archives gift” will be, but perhaps it will be ready in time for DeAngelo’s April 27 wedding to Dan Feeney, after which she will adopt his last name.

Nicole DeAngelo
Potpourri

Jennifer Barber, English. Her poem “God Doesn’t Speak in the Psalms” received a first prize of $1,000 for the 21st annual Anna Davidson Rosenberg Awards for Poems on the Jewish Experience sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco.

Julia Collins, Archives. She has worked as the associate archivist for the past six years. She will also serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Education Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools for 2008–2009.

Victoria Dodd, Law School. She attended a workshop for youth workers and youth practitioners, “Access: Increasing Opportunities to Higher Education for All Girls.” She participated in a panel on “Barriers to Access.”


Bemadette Feeley, Law School. At the Externship 4: Learning from Practice Conference in Seattle, Wash., she presented “Training Field Supervisors: How to be Efficient and Effective Critics of Student Writing” and was a panelist at a session “Externships with For-Profit Entities.”

History Department News: The Sawyer Library has received the first 34 volumes of 70 ordered and financed by the John C. Cavanagh History Book Fund which was created through donations from the University’s faculty, staff and alumni.

Robert Allison received a Community Service Award for Excellence in Interpretation from the National Park Service, Northeast region, in recognition of the work his students did in documenting the American Revolution in Roxbury. He also was elected to the board of governors of the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury.

Daniel Kimmel, Communication and Journalism, introduced the film “Beyond the Gates” at the “Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media” conference at the University of Notre Dame. He also served on a panel “The Media Looks at Genocide.”

Samantha Moppett, Law School, participated on a panel “Innovative Teaching Techniques” at the New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Regional Conference at Vermont Law School.

Adam Nelson, Athletics. He appeared on the March 13 on the New England Cable News “Good Morning Live” show, previewing the NCAA basketball tournament with host Mike Nikitras.

David Paleologos, director of the Political Research Center, was interviewed by CN8, the Comcast Cable network, on March 4, regarding the Ohio and Texas Democratic primaries.

Marilyn Plotkins, Theatre Arts, and Suffolk alumna Jill Gabbe, president of the board of the Vineyard Theatre in New York, attended the 80th birthday celebration of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee at the Vineyard Theatre’s Annual Gala at the Rainbow Room in New York City. Tyne Daley, Eartha Kitt, and Stiller and Meara were among the stars seen at the event.


“The 2008 Election in Spain: An Election that is Better to Lose?” at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University.


David Yamada, Law School, received the Alexander J. Cella Memorial Award for commitment and dedication to the Suffolk University Law Review at the first Law School Honor Ball banquet on March 28, 2008. He presented a paper “Surviving the Nightmare: A Safety Net Project for Bullied Workers” at the Work, Stress, and Health Conference, co-sponsored by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, American Psychological Association and Society for Occupational Health Psychology, in Washington D.C.
Music Man Bob Bellinger

To Bob Bellinger, music is life.

“The way you play that instrument is the way you live,” said Bellinger, an associate professor of History and director of both the Collection of African American Literature and the Black Studies Program. “Music comes from your spirit and reflects a lot about who you are.”

Bellinger began taking saxophone lessons in the fourth grade, performing as a youngster primarily in middle school bands. He again took up the sax in his early adult years, playing alongside a good friend before any audience that would listen.

“Subways, parks, workshops, outside, people’s homes—it didn’t matter,” said Bellinger with a slight chuckle. “We played anywhere we could, and we had a great time doing it.”

This traveling duo continued to perform for people of all ages for about 10 years. Then, in 1986, on his first visit to Senegal, Bellinger purchased a drum. Less than a year later, he bought a second drum, different from the first.

“Shortly thereafter, I came home one day and said to myself, ‘If I have these drums, I should learn how to play them,’” he said.

Bellinger took drum lessons from Nurudafina Abena, a woman with more than 40 years of experience as a drummer, for about 10 years.

“She was a great teacher who provided me with the foundation of how I play,” he said.

Bellinger has been playing the drums for various groups, including two African dance companies, at local concerts and music festivals for a little more than 20 years. He has produced a CD with one of the bands.

He also has played in a jazz band with a group formed by a childhood friend. And last October, he demonstrated his talents as a drummer in an opening act for award-winning jazz musician Dee Dee Bridgewater at the Tremont Temple.

“I enjoy the transformative experience that music can be for the performer and the listener,” he said.

Bellinger is presently working on forming a percussion ensemble, known as Tam Tam Gisé. “It’s in the infancy stage and will be comprised of local talent,” he said. “It will be a vehicle for expressing my own musical ideas and flexibility.”

Bellinger was instrumental in bringing the Faye Family, a Senegalese drumming and dancing group, to the University for a month as part of Suffolk’s Distinguished Visiting Scholars program.

The Faye Family was to share its skills and knowledge with people throughout the Suffolk community and beyond, presenting a seminar on the géwel tradition; performing at the C. Walsh Theatre; conducting workshops describing the relationship among language, music and movement; and participated in various Black Studies classes.

“The Faye family is an exciting and electrifying group of musical performers,” said Bellinger. “Their visit here not only adds to the educational experience of students, faculty and staff, but it also helps strengthen the relationship between our Boston campus and our campus in Senegal.”

When he’s not teaching history, Bob Bellinger enjoys following the beat of his own drummer. (Courtesy, Ken Martin, Amstockphoto.com)

Faculty Publications

Melanie Barker Berkmen, Chemistry and Biochemistry, had an article, “Still looking for the magic spot: the crystallographically defined binding site for ppGpp on RNA polymerase is unlikely to be responsible for rRNA transcription regulation,” published in the Journal of Molecular Biology, Vol. 277, issue 2, 2008.

Robert DeFillippi, Management. He has edited University and Corporate Innovations in Lifelong Learning (2008), the sixth volume in a management education series Research in Management Education and Development, with Charles Wankel of St. John’s University.

Michael Duggan, Enrollment Research and Planning, has a chapter in the new book from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), The College Admissions Officer’s Guide. The chapter includes discussions on tuition discounting and the IPEDS Data Feedback Report.


Lydia Martin, NESAD. Her painting Copper & Cobalt was awarded second place for Painting in Oil and Acrylic in the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club member’s exhibition at the Broome Street Gallery in SoHo, New York City.


Lydia Martin: Copper & Cobalt
Suffolk in the News

The University is frequently featured in local and national media. The following is a sampling of recent media mentions. To view the complete list, go to www.suffolk.edu and click on In the News.

Boston Herald—April 7, 2008
Jeanne Aversa, associate director of undergraduate admission, discusses college fairs.

Wall Street Journal—April 4, 2008
Law Professor Joseph Franco comments on new “summary prospectus” proposed by the Securities Exchange Commission.

The Korea Times—March 27, 2008
Law Professor Valerie Epps Op-ed—“Kosovo, Tibet: Same or Different?”

Boston Globe—March 31, 2008
Sociology Professor Susan Sered comments on the women’s health care policy brief issued by the University’s Center for Women’s Health and Human Rights. She wrote the brief with the help of her students.

Law Professor David Yamada comments on workplace bullying cases that can fall between the cracks of existing state and federal employment law. Also appeared in:
International Herald Tribune—March 25, 2008
Chicago Tribune—April 1, 2008

Forbes.com—March 24, 2008
Law Professor David Yamada comments on recognizing signs of workplace bullying.

Boston Globe—March 19, 2008
Susan Prosnitz, executive director of Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, comments on new federal legislation to lower income-based payments and forgive loans for graduates in any field who are employed for 10 years in a public service position.

Study: Health Law Leaves Women Vulnerable

Research by the Center for Women’s Health and Human Rights shows that many low- and moderate-income women have not reaped the full benefits of Massachusetts health care reform measures.

Women in Massachusetts have greater medical expenses than men, while earning less than men. As a result, insurance programs that require substantial deductibles, co-pays and other forms of cost-sharing may put health care out of women’s reach, according to a policy brief written by Sociology Professor Susan Sered and students pursuing the Master of Arts in Women’s Health program.

Massachusetts health care reform, designed to offer health insurance to uninsured, low-income people, was phased in beginning in summer 2006.

“While the law makes great strides in offering health care coverage to low- and moderate-income people, it has not eliminated gender inequalities in the health care system,” said Sered.

The full policy brief is available on the Center’s Web pages: www.suffolk.edu/cwhhr.

Postal Rate Increase

Campus Mail Services has been informed that the United States Postal Service will increase its rates and fees effective May 12. This also includes the library and non-profit rates. University departments should expect to see an increase in their monthly postage statements beginning in May. The rate increases are posted on the Campus Mail Services Web site at www.suffolk.edu/offices/4693.html. For more information, contact: mailservices@suffolk.edu.

New Sergeants

Members of the Suffolk University Police and Security Department who have been promoted to the rank of sergeant: Betty Sanes, Sidarith Hing, Walter White, and John Previti. (Photo by Dhan Shrestha)
**A Changing World at Adams Gallery**

*Life* magazine photographer Verner Reed captured the images of a rapidly expanding post-war economy in his work for *Life* magazine during the 1950s.


Reed recorded the transition as New England meadows were lost to encroaching suburbs, supermarkets replaced fruit vendors and butchers, and small farms gave way to agri-business. His photographs employ warmth and humor in celebrating New England tradition, chronicling change, and revealing the wonder of a moment.

**Student Showcases**
The New England School of Art & Design exhibits of student work continue through mid-May.

The Foundation and Graphic Design exhibits were in late March and early April.

**Fine Arts Undergraduate Exhibition**
April 22–May 2
Reception: 5–7 p.m. Friday, April 25

**Interior Design Undergraduate and Master’s Exhibition**
May 5–16
Reception: 5–7 p.m. Friday, May 9

The gallery is on the second floor at 75 Arlington St.

Clockwise from top left: Haley McLane, Interior Design; Rachelle Rickert, Fine Arts; Carly Gordillo, Foundation; Stormi Knight, Graphic Design.

**Human Resources News**

**Harvard Pilgrim Discount Program**
The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care “Your Member Savings” program provides discounts to members on a wide range of health and wellness-related products and services. Popular programs include fitness club reimbursements of up to $150 per year and discounts on alternative medical procedures. Several eyewear discount programs have been added. They are:

- Receive a free pair of prescription eyeglasses when you have a routine eye exam at any Sears Optical location.
- Discounts on laser vision correction procedures through Davis Vision and US Laser Vision Network

For more information: www.harvardpilgrim.org.

**New Faces**

*Please welcome our newest employees:*

Betania Andoh, Student Accounts/Bursar
Melanie Becker, Enrollment & Retention Management

Devan DeLuca, Information Technology Services
Kathleen Downing, Advancement
William Feldman, Undergraduate Admission
Emily Fuccillo, Law Admissions
Stephanie Giordano, Health Administration
Krystal Jenkins, Dean’s office, Sawyer Business School
Tisha Matews, Law Registrar’s office
Michelle McIntyre, NESAD
Renita Mendonca, Advancement
Caitlin Pumphrey, Budget Office
Christopher Roy, Advancement
Valmy Saint Louis, Information Technology Services
Valerie Spinale-Pepin, Dean’s office, College
Kaitlyn Sullivan, Alumni Programs, College
Caroline Walters, Law Library
Lindsay Yost, Theatre Arts
Seminar Looks at Olympics’ Impact on China


The seminar addressed the risks, challenges, and opportunities presented to China and the world on the eve of this historic moment.

Robyn Meredith, senior editor, Asia, for Forbes, was the keynote speaker.

The Institute will promote exchanges among scholars, business leaders, analysts, faculty and students through a series of seminars addressing vital topics in the field.

University Wins Advertising Awards

Creative Services was selected for three awards in the 23rd Annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition, sponsored by the Admissions Marketing Report.

The department received bronze for the “Counselor Calendar” in the special publications category; bronze for the College of Arts and Sciences graduate prospectus in the catalog category; and a merit award for the environmental engineering brochure in the brochure category.

The Admissions Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, more than 2,000 entries were submitted from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries. A list of the winners was published in the March 2008 issue of the Admissions Marketing Report, a national publication for admissions professionals.

Philosophical Family

Philosophy Chair Gregory Fried and his dad, the Hon. Charles Fried, former associate justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court at a lecture and discussion about philosophy and human rights. Justice Fried joined the College as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the spring. (Courtesy, Ken Martin, Amstockphoto.com)

Safety Team Promotes “Shelter in Place”

The Incident Command System team has begun teaching the University community about Shelter in Place, a procedure used when the most appropriate response to a specified danger is to remain in a building rather than to evacuate.

Threats to safety requiring Shelter in Place might include severe weather, a hostile intruder or the release of a hazardous material.

The team conducted Shelter in Place drills on four floors at 73 Tremont St. in mid-March and plans more drills across campus.

Building occupants were warned of the drill so they would be prepared to take the following steps:

1. Stay where you are or go into the nearest room with a door.
2. Close the doors
3. Close the windows
4. Close the blinds or curtains
5. When possible turn off air conditioning/heating unit
6. Wait for the “all-clear” message from authorities

Risk Manager Karen Kruppa and Environmental Health and Safety Manager Kerry Laroche reported that participants responded appropriately during the drills.

While there was a problem with the public address system on the 12th and 13th floors, the team was able to use a bullhorn to announce the drill’s start and finish.

The team reminds members of the University community: To report any suspicious activity, always call the University Police at extension 8111, or, from an outside line, 617-573-8111.