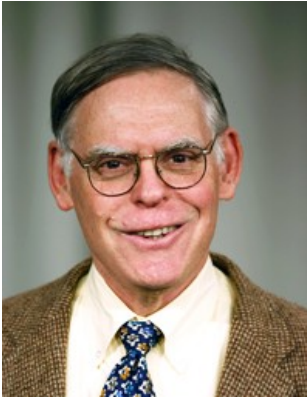


Gerald Benjamin to give Friends' 5th Annual Dennis O'Keefe Memorial Lecture September 21st



Gerald Benjamin, director of the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) at the State

University of New York at New Paltz, will deliver the fifth Annual Dennis O'Keefe Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library on Wednesday, September 21, at 5 p.m., in CSB Auditorium on campus. This event is free and open to the public.

Benjamin's lecture, "College and Community in New Paltz and America," addresses the impact of the divide between these two entities. "We are predisposed to think of 'the college' and 'the community' as apart from each other not a part of each other," said Benjamin. "We speak of the college as a separate community, the college community, that is bounded and has membership. We know that town/gown tensions are pandemic, and certainly present in New Paltz."

Benjamin joined New Paltz as assistant professor of political

science in 1968 and was appointed distinguished professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees in 2002. During his time at New Paltz he has served as chair of the department of political science, presiding officer of the faculty, and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. As the first director of CRREO and VP for Regional Engagement, Benjamin worked to discuss public policy and foster community collaboration in the Hudson Valley. During this discussion, Benjamin will share his experiences and highlight the separation that occurs between community and campus.

Dennis O'Keefe graduated from New Paltz in 1973 and was a dynamic member of the college and community. His positive spirit inspired generations of New Paltz faculty, staff, students and community members. He served as a long-time staff member of the Sojourner Truth Library and the New Paltz Volunteer Fire Department.

The Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library is an association of faculty, students, alumni and community members dedicated to promoting and enhancing the library as a shared resource. For information please call 845-257-3719 or visit the Library Web site.



As we enter the Fall Semester, replacement of the Library roof is well underway. Roof work is slated to be completed before winter.



Library renovations include additional compact shelving on the ground floor in December, providing about 17,000 additional linear feet.

The Textbook Collection @STL

The Textbook Collection provides students with access to used textbooks for loan at the Library. In two years donations have come from numerous academic departments. The Textbook Collection continues to grow with over 100 titles. We would like to thank departments, faculty, staff, and students that have helped us grow!

This donation-based initiative helps ease students' worries and meets some of their needs as textbook prices climb. Donations are accepted all year round at the library Checkout Desk. You can also contact Terra Thompson, Circulations staff, at thompsonst@newpaltz.edu Find out more information:

Libguides: <http://newpaltz.libguides.com/textbookcollection>

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Media:Scape Demonstrations in STL

The library will be testing collaboration technology for possible selection during renovation. A new group study technology from **Media:Scape** from Steelcase will be tested from September 12 to October 6. It allows small groups to share information while working from numerous computers on the same project. In the past, working with computers in groups was problematic with tangling of cords or everyone cramping around one computer. This technology utilizes a central hookup, display and a conveniently shaped group space to allow for easy information sharing during group activities.

To learn more about **Media:Scape** come to a demonstration on September 12 or 13. Check your email for information on how to sign up for a demonstration session. We need your input.

Sojourner Truth Library Now Hosting Mobile Site



STL Mobile web site provides access to simplified library resources for mobile devices. Find library hours, get directions, do simple research, and contact us from your smart phone or tablet device. Click on the library home page and find the icon for the mobile site on the top left menu block.

Coming This Fall — Special Exhibits in The Library Gallery

Watch for these upcoming exhibits in the Library Gallery. Dates are approximate.

Now – Sept. 18 *History of Old Main.* Celebration of the opening of the newly renovated oldest building on campus.

Sept. 4 – 18 *9/11 Memoir Project.* 10th anniversary of September 11th.

Sept. 19 – Oct 15 *100 Years of the Republic of China.* Exhibit portrays the Centennial of the Republic of China, established after the Xinhai Revolution of October 10, 1911 and the fall of the Qing Dynasty. The exhibition traces developments in the Republic of China and Taiwan since 1911, with an emphasis on history, culture, government & foreign relations, and economy.

Oct 16 – Nov. 5 *Banned, Censored and Challenged Books.* In this exhibit, faculty of the English Department examine books that have been challenged over time.

Scheduled Media:Scape Demonstrations in STL MediaSpace:

9/12 – 1:30PM and 3:30PM

9/13 - 10:00AM; 11:30AM; 1:30PM

Please RSVP for one of these 30 min. sessions. Watch your email for more information.