

INTERIOR

Celebrating 40 years of distinctive education in 2003



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Reception to honor six outstanding SVSU faculty

Six outstanding SVSU faculty members will be honored during a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. Each has demonstrated exceptional ability in the classroom and in their field by receiving both the Landee Teaching Excellence Award and the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research during their career.

They are Sally A. Decker, professor of nursing; John V. Jezierski, professor of history; Garry L. Johns, professor of mathematical sciences; Stephen S. Lawrence, professor of chemistry; Enayat H. Mahajerin; and Thomas J. Renna, professor of history.

Decker, who joined SVSU in 1980, received the Landee award in 2003 and the Warrick award in 1992.

Jezierski started at SVSU in 1970. He received the Landee award in 1982 and the Warrick award in 2000.

Johns received the Landee award in 1991 and the Warrick award in 2001. He came to SVSU in 1988.

Lawrence joined SVSU in 1992. He received the Landee award in 1995 and the Warrick award in 1999.

Mahajerin received the Landee award in 1989 and the Warrick award in 1990. He started at SVSU in 1984.

Renna came to SVSU in 1970. He received the Landee award in 1984 and the Warrick award in 1986.

The Landee award is named for the late Franc A. Landee, a research scientist with the Dow Chemical Company who taught part-time during the early days of SVSU. The Warrick award is named for Dr. Earl L. Warrick, a pioneer researcher and inventor for the Dow Corning Corporation, and long-time friend of the university.

Other 40th Anniversary events at SVSU

Nov. 3-15 Watercolor paintings by Liu Maoshan in the University Art Gallery (see article, Page 3)

Nov. 15 40th Anniversary Banquet: "Forty Years of Leadership," Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner following at 6:15 p.m. Linda Sims, chair of SVSU's Board of Control, will be the master of ceremonies.

For further information on the 40th Anniversary observance, contact Robert Braddock, professor of history, at ext. 4360.

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Robert Dungey and Diane Gilman of the National Coalition Building Institute presented "Leadership Action for Building an Inclusive Campus Environment," Friday, Oct. 31. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs, the workshop was designed by NCBI to assist campus faculty, staff and students to understand the dynamics of oppression by working through a series of personal and small-group explorations. (Photo by Tim Inman)



Saginaw Valley State University hosted Kevin R. Grazier as part of its 1963 Symposium, which focuses on world events during the year of the university's founding. Grazier visited classrooms and delivered an public address titled "The Early Space Race: Destination Moon" Tuesday, Oct. 28. Grazier teaches classes at the University of California-Los Angeles and Santa Monica College. He also is a visiting researcher in the Challenger Center for Space Science Education program called "Journey through the Universe," and serves on a NASA educational products review panel. Grazier is also active in Hollywood. He was invited to pitch storylines for the television series "Star Trek: Voyager" on numerous occasions and served as science advisor in the production of the film "Battlestar Galactica: The Second Coming." (Photo by Tim Inman)

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Professional Profile

• **Reza Akbari**, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, presented a paper titled "The Riemann Sphere and its Generalizations" at the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America, Oct. 18, Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

• **Barron Hirsch**, professor of art, is having a retrospective exhibition of his work at the Bay City Art Center, Studio 23. Included in the exhibit are 27 acrylic paintings with oil pastel selected from works completed between 1992 and 2003. The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 28.

In addition, Hirsch is showing two paintings from his current apocalypse series at the Washington Street Gallery in Ann Arbor through Nov. 30.

• **Dee Storey**, professor of teacher education, won second place honors at the district level in the creative division for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital/Hancock Fabric "Quilt of Dreams" fund raising contest. Her quilt was titled "Jonathan's Leaving the Hospital in His Lime Green VW."

Also, Storey's article, "A Survey of Biographies Within the Carter G. Woodson Book Awards: 1992-2001" was published in the fall 2003 edition of *Journal of the Illinois Council for the Social Studies*.

• **Stephen J. Yanca**, professor of social work, coauthored a text with Louise C. Johnson, professor emeritus, University of South Dakota. *Social Work Practice: A Generalist Approach*, 8th Edition, is published by Allyn and Bacon (2004). This book is the first practice text written specifically for BSW students. The text has undergone a major reorganization and revision to reflect current social work practice for the 21st century.

History professor Eric Petersen examines Vietnam in first Hoffmann-Willertz Lecture

SVSU will host the first Hoffmann-Willertz Lecture Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Eric F. Petersen, professor of history, will discuss "Vietnam – If Kennedy Had Lived: An Exercise in Counterfactual History."

The lecture series is named for the late Bill Hoffmann and John Willertz, who are credited as the founding members of the history department at SVSU and accounted for more than 60 years of

dedicated service between them. Hoffmann taught at SVSU for 32 years until retiring in 1997. He passed away later that year. Willertz instructed SVSU students from 1968 until his passing in 2002. The annual lecture will rotate among history faculty at SVSU.



Eric Petersen

A scholarship has also been established in memory of Hoffmann and Willertz. The William S. Hoffmann and John R. Willertz Endowed Scholarship was established in 2003 to encourage students to pursue the study of history and to provide financial assistance to outstanding students majoring in history. The endowment fund was created by memorial gifts from family, friends and colleagues of Hoffmann and Willertz.

Petersen joined the SVSU faculty in 1969. The Midland resident teaches courses in American diplomatic history, the history of the Cold War, the history of the Vietnam War, and United States History in the 20th Century. A past recipient of the Landee Teaching Excellence Award, Petersen received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Liu Maoshan to exhibit paintings in SVSU art gallery

Scenes of exotic locales and faraway lands will grace the walls as the University Art Gallery features an exhibition of paintings by Liu Maoshan, vice president of the Suzhou Academy of Chinese Painting in mainland China. The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 17.

Liu is a world-renowned master of Chinese landscape painting and is a member of the Chinese Artists Association. He was born in Suzhou, China in 1942 and graduated from the Suzhou Institute of Arts and Crafts in 1962.

Liu's landscapes have a dream-like quality that combines concepts of both Western and Eastern art in work that is part painting and part illustration. Having mastered a solid and intensive understanding of classical European masters and modern Impressionism in his studies, he shifted to Chinese painting and became a major landscape artist. Liu has exhibited internationally in Japan, Hong Kong, Great Britain, and the United States.

A reception for Liu will be held in the University Art Gallery Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

University Art Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Foreign Language Day to attract area high school students

More than 500 local high school students are expected to participate in the 28th annual Foreign Language Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Events begin at 9:30 a.m. in Curtiss Hall.

Foreign language cheerleading tops the list of competitions among the visiting students who will demonstrate their knowledge of French, German and Spanish. The schools will also compete in dance, song and international awareness, as well as skits or musicals. In addition, student posters and displays will be judged. The award presentation is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre.

Participating high schools include Bay City John Glenn, Byron, Caro, Essexville Garber, Frankenmuth, Midland Dow, Owendale-Gagetown, Standish-Sterling and Tawas.

The cheerleading competition is scheduled from 9:40 to 9:55 a.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

The skit/musical contest runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre.

There is a dance contest from 10 to 11:10 a.m. in the Recital Hall.

The song competition runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

An international awareness competition takes place from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in 140 Curtiss Hall.

The campus community is invited to attend any of the scheduled activities. Admission is free of charge.

SVSU welcomes Shikoku University dignitary

A reception Friday, Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room will welcome to campus Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Satoh. Mr. Satoh is the chairman of the Board of Trustees at Shikoku University in Tokushima, Japan. They are visiting to participate in the celebration of SVSU's 40th anniversary. Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, Nov. 11 at ext. 4042.

Fourth Friday Club

4:30 to 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21

Roberta Allen Reading Room
Fourth Floor, Zahnow Library
Refreshments served



- As a contribution to SVSU's observation of its 40th anniversary, a book of **alumni memories** will be released. "SVSU Alumni Memories: The '60s and '70s: SVC-SVSC" contains memories from about 40 alumni who were students at the university during this early period, and also contains selected photos from the university archives. Copies will be available free upon request from the Alumni Office and from the Zahnow Library circulation desk. This collection has been assembled under the direction of Jack G. Wood, university archivist, with the collaboration of Matthew Hufnagel, director of alumni relations; Heather Hillaker, circulation assistant; and Basil Clark, professor of English.

- Students in SVSU's Senior I Nursing class are promoting **hand washing** to help ward off the spread of colds and flu. Hand washing is the number one way to avoid infection. Instant hand sanitizer dispensers will be installed Monday, Nov. 10 in the computer labs located in 105 Science East and 227 Curtiss Hall.

- The **Institute for Learning in Retirement** is organizing its winter schedule of classes and would like faculty to consider leading a class. Classes are generally three to five weeks in length and meet for two hours a week. While the rewards are mainly non-financial, faculty receive a minimal honorarium. For more information, contact Jo Brownlie, director of Continuing Education, at ext. 4310 or e-mail jap@svsu.edu.

- Faculty and staff are reminded to **place regalia orders now** at the Bookstore for Commencement, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 in O'Neill Arena. Deadline for orders is Nov. 8.

- Faculty and staff may **bestow the alumni scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony, 7:30 p.m.,

The Presidents Council-State Universities of Michigan

"The State of Public University Education"

by Irvin Reed

President of Wayne State University
and Chairman of the Presidents Council

In a live satellite feed to all 15 state university campuses

Wednesday, Nov. 12

5 p.m.

Alan W. Ott Auditorium, Regional Education Center

Refreshments will be provided, and seating will begin at 4:45 p.m.

Please RSVP to ext. 4261

Friday, Dec. 12. Call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 to make arrangements.

- The University Residence Association (URA) Diversity Committee is inviting all students and faculty to participate in a **roundtable discussion to overcome prejudices**, Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. "Wrong Side of the Tracks" will be played to give the discussion more momentum.

- A **retirement reception for Dot Shorkey**, administrative secretary, Academic Advisement Center, will take place Friday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 4:30 p.m. in 117 Wickes Hall.

- The **Valley Film Society** will screen *The Cup* at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is by season pass, available at the door.

- Faculty and staff can participate in an **Employee/Family Day** with the Saginaw Spirit hockey team Sunday, Nov. 9. A section of seats is being reserved in the Saginaw County Event Center. The game will start at 4 p.m., followed by a children's skate and autographs with the players. The Spirit will be playing the Plymouth Whalers. Sign up and pay for tickets in the Employment & Compensation Services office. Tickets, at a discounted rate of \$8.50 per person (children 12 and under are \$7.50), will be distributed prior to Nov. 9. For more

information, contact ECS at ext. 4108 or email ECS@svsu.edu.

- The **Valley Wind Quintet** will perform in concert Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. For ticket information, call ext. 4261.

- The College of Business and Management will host a **Family Business Program** at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12 in the Curtiss Hall seminar rooms. Included will be a Mid-Michigan Family Business Panel, "Six Decades of Family Business in the World's Largest Christmas Store," moderated by Julie Stevens, associate director of the Family Business Program, with Wallace (Wally) Bronner and Wayne Bronner serving as panelists.

- The **International Student Club Food Fest** will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13 in Groening Commons. More than 30 dishes from 15 countries will be featured. Admission is free of charge.

- President Eric Gilbertson will host an **open forum** for and about students from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Roberta Allen Reading Room, which is on the fourth floor of Zahnow Library.

- The **Department of Public Safety** will host an open forum from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Student Center Atrium.