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## Dartmouth professor to highlight MLK events at SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University will welcome a nationally recognized expert on race and gender issues for its 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

The theme for this year's events is "What Has Become of the Dream?" Ella L. J. Edmondson Bell will deliver the keynote address during a dinner set for 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 in the Curtiss Hall seminar rooms.

Bell is an associate professor of business administration in the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. She is recognized as a leading authority on topics related to organizational change, and the management of race, gender and class in organizational life.

Bell's research focuses on the career and life histories of African-American and European-American women.

She has been a consultant to a number of Fortune 500 companies and other organizations, including Salomon Smith Barney, Proctor and Gamble, General Electric, and the Department of Labor.



**Ella L.J. Edmondson Bell**

Bell also appeared on CNN's "Democracy in America 1996" as a recognized expert of race relations in the workplace.

She holds a Ph.D. in organizational behavior from Case Western Reserve University.

Bell writes a regular column for *Essence* magazine, and has co-authored a book, *Our Separate Ways, Black and White Women and the Struggle for Professional Identity*.

She will participate with students and several members of the SVSU faculty in a discussion centered on her work.

SVSU's College of Business & Management and the SVSU Office of Diversity Programs are sponsoring Bell's appearance.

Tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$5 for students. For more information, contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.



The SVSU Writing Center has moved into its new location in 123 Science East, freeing up its previous office space in Zahnow Library for a future dining facility. Diane Boehm, director of instructional support and writing program, and Helen Raica-Klotz, Writing Center coordinator, last week welcomed the Center's staff of writing mentors for an orientation of the new digital records management and storage system that was installed during the holiday break. Winter semester hours for the Writing Center are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday. For further information, call ext. 6061 or visit [www.svsu.edu/writingcenter](http://www.svsu.edu/writingcenter).

## Professional Profile

• **Eric Gardner**, associate professor of English, has a short story titled “Smash” in the current issue of the sci-fi magazine *Trunk Stories* (#2, December 2004, pp. 19-31).

Also, Gardner presented a paper titled “‘They cannot pass it with a glance’: Philadelphia and Haiti in Antebellum Literature” at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in Philadelphia, Dec. 27. Gardner’s review of Jacqueline Bacon’s book, “*The Humblest May Stand Forth*”: *Rhetoric, Empowerment, and Abolition*, appears in the most recent issue of *The Journal of African American History* (Fall 2004, 89.4: 364-365).

• **Thomas Renna**, professor of history, had five articles published in *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, 3 vols., P. G. Jesice, ed. (Santa Barbara/Oxford: ABC CLIO 2004). The titles of Renna’s articles were: “Pope Celestine V;” “Clare of Montefalco;” “Delphine of Provence;” “Margaret of Cortona;” and “Marie of Oignies.”

## Across Campus

• **Sgt. Marc Strain** of the University Police Department recently completed training as a Certified Information Security Management and Cyber Crime Investigator (CCI) through the Michigan State University Identity Theft Partnerships in Prevention. The training specializes in investigating identity theft and computer fraud incidents. Anyone who believes they have been a victim of an identity theft or computer crime can contact Strain at ext. 4157.

• **Judy Youngquist**, ESL Specialist, along with **Elizabeth Niergarth**, ESL instructor, and **Swenja Granzow**, Writing Center mentor, presented “ESL University Writers: Challenging Cases from the Writing Center and ESL Program” at the annual Michigan Teachers of English as a Second Language Fall Conference at Grand Valley State University, Friday, Nov. 12.

## Condolences

• To **Stephen Barbus**, dean of the College of Education, on the loss of his father, Stephen P. Barbus Sr., who passed away Jan. 3.

• To **Cynthia Benner**, circulation assistant, on the loss of her mother-in-law, Linda Benner, who passed away Dec. 10.

• To **Carolyn Gilbreath**, assistant professor of teacher education, on the loss of her husband, Kenneth Gilbreath, who passed away Dec. 26.

• To **Dawn Hinton**, professor of sociology, on the loss of her father, James Hinton, who passed away Dec. 13.

• To **Gloria Musial**, professor of teacher education, on the loss of her father, Harvey W. Gosen, who passed away Dec. 27.

• To **Carol Wolfe**, professor of teacher education, on the loss of her mother-in-law, Winnifred I. Wolfe, who passed away Dec. 30.

## SVSU hires new business dean

SVSU has hired Marwan A. Wafa as dean of the College of Business and Management. Wafa comes to SVSU from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, where he has served as dean of the School of Business and Technology since 2000.

“I believe that the College of Business and Management has the intellectual capacity represented by the faculty and students to strategically contribute to regional economic development,” Wafa said.

Wafa spent 14 years as a professor of decision sciences at the University of Southern Indiana, including an appointment as associate dean of the School of Business and director of the MBA program from 1998 to 2000. While there, he received faculty research awards in 1990 and 1997.

Strategic operations management and total system quality improvement are Wafa’s areas of academic specialty. His current research focuses on just-in-time implementation strategies in the manufacturing and service industries.

Wafa holds a Ph.D. in industrial management from Clemson University, where he also completed a master’s degree in management. His bachelor’s degree is in civil engineering from Kuwait University.

Wafa will begin his post at SVSU in July 2005.



Marwan A. Wafa

## TRANSITIONS

### New Hires

- Connie Barber, Senior Secretary, Academic Affairs, ckbarber@svsu.edu, W338, ext. 4023
- Julie Decker, Coordinator Post Grant Awards, jadecker@svsu.edu, W365, ext. 4941
- Steven Dobrinski, Custodial Specialist, sadobrin@svsu.edu, Campus Facilities, ext. 4279
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- Cheryl Kociba, University Police Officer, cakociba@svsu.edu, University Police, ext. 4260
- Beverly Wagle, Associate Classroom Technology Specialist, bjwagle@svsu.edu, C152, ext. 4892

### Promoted/Transfer/Title Change

- Ruth Garske, Secretary, Dean College of Education, rmgarske@svsu.edu, EN 275, ext. 4934
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- Tim Rex, Administrative Secretary/Box Office Specialist, trex@svsu.edu, C201, ext. 4261
- Drago Dumbovic, Head Women’s and Men’s Soccer Coach, ddumbovi@svsu.edu, Ryder 226, ext. 7313

### Left/Leaving

April Gibson Baker, Carol Fisher



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### Interior Publication Schedule

Feb. 8 • March 1 & 22

Submission Deadline:  
Noon on the Friday before the publication date.  
Please send items by e-mail to: tmi@svsu.edu.

When you talk to people about Saginaw Valley State University, you hear different things. Some people comment that SVSU is the “sure is growing.” Others make mention of the beautiful campus, and that SVSU is “really taking off;” still others reference the past with “I remember when ...” observations. The challenge is to market the best of SVSU and to do so with clearly, concisely and consistently told messages that showcase SVSU people and their successes.

Our advertising and publications are undergoing changes that will convey a sense of SVSU as a place that offers quality and value, where exciting things happen, and where achievement is not only possible, but recognized and rewarded. Over the next couple of months, you will read more about University Communication’s plan that provides a focus and consistency to what we say and what our marketing looks like.

Be on the look out for something more. Something better.

*“The reputation of an institution is its capital ... [it] creates value for degrees granted. SVSU’s reputation must be developed — not merely to serve our vanities, but to reflect the true value of our institution.”*

– ERIC R. GILBERTSON  
2005 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

## **SVSU Foundation raises \$1 million, meets Kresge Challenge**

The Saginaw Valley State University Foundation achieved its goal of raising \$1 million as part of the Saginaw Community Foundation’s Kresge Challenge. As a result, SVSU will receive an additional \$333,333 for its endowment from the Kresge Foundation, which pledged to match \$1 for every \$3 raised during the campaign that ended Jan. 4.

“It is through the generosity of hundreds of loyal donors that we were able to reach our goal,” said Lucille Beuthin,

vice president for public affairs and executive director of development and the SVSU Foundation.

“We are especially grateful to the Maynard Smith Trustees, Carl Smith Jr., and National City Bank for expediting the release of funds from the trust, which was approved in probate court the day before the deadline,” Beuthin added. “It was the final piece to the puzzle.”

The money raised by the SVSU Foundation through the Kresge Challenge will be

placed in endowments to support a variety of scholarship programs, as well as to develop a musical artist-in-residence program to provide SVSU students with the opportunity to learn from leading professional musicians.

“We would like to thank the Saginaw Community Foundation for providing SVSU and many other community organizations with this extraordinary opportunity to see their gifts matched by the Kresge Foundation,” Beuthin said.

***Nominations for the Landee Award, SVSU’s most prestigious recognition of teaching excellence, must be submitted by Monday, Jan. 31. To nominate a deserving faculty member for this award, go online to [www.svsu.edu/landee/](http://www.svsu.edu/landee/) or to the Academic Affairs Office Web site and click on “Awards.”***



**Thursday, Jan. 20**

A reception for Tom Canale, assistant professor of art at SVSU, will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. in the University Art Gallery. Canale's Impressionistic images will remain on display in the gallery through Jan. 29.

**Thursday, Jan. 20**

Registration for the Weight Watchers At Work Program take place at noon in 260 Wickes Hall. The regular meetings will begin Thursday, Jan. 27. In order for SVSU to provide this program, a minimum of 15 participants must attend the registration. The regular price for this 12-week program is \$124; however, with the assistance of the University as part of our Wellness Program, the cost will only be \$100. Since this is a prepaid service, payment will be due at the time of registration on Jan. 20. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, checks and cash are accepted forms of payment. For more information, contact ECS at ext. 4108.

**Monday, Jan. 24**

Associate professor of political science Erik Trump will lead a workshop, "National Endowment for the Arts: What Reviewers Look For When Evaluating a Grant Application," from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in 141 Curtiss Hall.

**Monday, Jan. 24**

Kay Schlozman, professor of political science at Boston College, and Sidney Verba, professor of government at Harvard University and Head of Harvard University libraries, will present "What do We Want? Political Equality. When Are We Going to Get It? Never." Schlozman and Verba are the co-creators of the most comprehensive study to date of civic participation in America. Their talk will be in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 28**

The President's Office invites all faculty and staff to the Fourth Friday reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on third floor Wickes Hall. Refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, Feb. 5**

Vocalist Glenda Kirkland will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Her appearance is part of the Rhea Miller Concert Series, which is provided as a service to the community by SVSU. Tickets are not required; however, seating is limited.

**Tuesday, Feb. 8**

Jim Lucas will present "Keeper of the Dream" at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. The performance is a recreation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speeches.

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**

"A Taste of Soul" food festival will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Rotunda. The cost is \$3 for students and \$6 for faculty and staff. Meals plans are welcome.

**Wednesday, Feb. 16**

Student Association is sponsoring a kick off event in all campus dining facilities, where teams can register and pick up fund-raising materials for the "Relay for Life," which raises money for the American Cancer Society. The relay will be held from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday, April 15 and 16, in the Gazelle Fountain courtyard. For more information, call ext. 4233.

*For more details on events taking place at Saginaw Valley State University, visit [campusnews.svsu.edu](http://campusnews.svsu.edu)*

**Politics, economy, and culture of south Asia focus of February symposium**

A series of scholars will visit SVSU to discuss the politics, economy, and culture of south Asia during "International Symposium: South Asia," Feb. 3 through 17.

The symposium opens with a lecture from Ayesha Jalal, professor of history at Tufts University, Thursday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Her talk is titled "Bridging the Great Divide: Towards an India-Pakistan Détente."

Jalal is considered one of the world's leading scholars of modern south Asian history. She is the author of numerous books and articles on India and Pakistan, including *Modern South Asia* and *Kashmir Scars*. Jalal received her doctorate in history from the University of Cambridge.

The second speaker will be

Arvid Panagariya, the Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy and professor of economics at Columbia University. His talk, "South Asia Economy: Can India be the Tiger that China Is?", will take place Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Panagariya is the author of many books, articles and technical papers, including *The Muddles over Outsourcing*. His work has also appeared in several newspapers and magazines, including *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *The Economic Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Panagariya completed his doctorate in economics at Princeton University.

The series will conclude Thursday, Feb. 17 when visual anthropologist Tejaswini Ganti,

associate professor of anthropology at Connecticut College, presents her lecture, "The Indian Film Industry: Bollywood and Globalization." She will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Ganti is the author of the book *Bollywood: A Guidebook to Popular Hindi Cinema*. She

received her doctorate from New York University.

The symposium is sponsored by the SVSU Office of Academic Affairs. Admission to all lectures is free of charge. For more information, contact Nameeta Mathur, assistant professor of history, at ext. 2606.

**Baumgartner named McAvoy Award recipient**

SVSU football defensive end Neil Baumgartner has been named recipient of the 2004 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Jack H. McAvoy Award as announced by Commissioner Tom Brown. The award is presented annually to the GLIAC football player who best combines outstanding character and leadership on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

An Iron River native, Baumgartner has maintained a 4.00 grade point average while majoring in secondary education. He is the reigning GLIAC and D-II Commissioner's Association Great Lakes Region Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year (2003-04) and has been named to the GLIAC All-Academic football team in each of the three years he was eligible. Off the field, Baumgartner has served as a volunteer for many community projects, including the SVSU Athletic Department's annual blood drive, Habitat for Humanity, the Saginaw East Side Soup Kitchen, Battle of the Valleys fund-raising event for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Heritage Harvest food drive.