

# *Professors on Wheels*

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Welcome to *Professors on Wheels!* This program, run by the Faculty Association of Suffolk County Community College, is a community service endeavor committed to bringing the expertise and knowledge of our members into the community. Our presenters are eager to come to your organization to speak about various topics of intellectual, historic, educational, health, or civic interest.

If you are interested in participating, please look through the various presentations we offer and contact those professors whose presentations you feel would best match your organization's needs. When you contact the presenter, apart from arranging a mutually convenient time, please also inform them of your venue's technological capabilities, the nature of the room/area in which they will be presenting, and please provide a general description of the audience. While most of us can somewhat alter our presentations to fit the venue's resources as well as tailor them to the needs of specific audiences, we need to know ahead of time to operate most effectively.

If you have any questions about the program itself, please contact me at [disanzr@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:disanzr@sunysuffolk.edu). Thank you, and we look forward to a wonderful semester!

Sincerely,

Ray DiSanza  
Director, Professors on Wheels

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## *Arts and Film*

### William Burns

Associate Professor of English, Suffolk County Community College

Dr. Burns has been teaching English, Journalism, and Film at Suffolk County Community College for five years. He is also the coordinator of the SCCC Writing Center. His book *Space-People-Language: A Grounded Theory of Placed-Based Pedagogy* was published in 2008, and he has published articles on composition and film in a number of periodicals. Ph.D., University of Rhode Island.

**Title of the Presentation:** A Life of Not Only Sight and Sound, but of Mind: The Legacy of Rod Serling.

This lecture focuses on the life and work of television pioneer Rod Serling from his early days in live television through his work on the classic *The Twilight Zone* and ending with his final series *Night Gallery*.

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### Paul Turano and Katherine Aguirre

Paul: Professional Assistant, Media Services

Katherine: Counselor/Assistant Professor

Paul received a BS in Communication arts from St. John's University. Katherine holds a BA in Psychology, an MS in School of Counseling, and a PD in Education Administration

**Title of the Presentation: American Cinema: Then and Now**

An outline of the history of American films; from the silent film era of Charlie Chaplin to the animation of Toy Story. We will take students throughout the various eras of American film.

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## *Communication and Professional Studies*

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#### **Available Topics:**

Conflict Resolution

Getting Over the Fear of Public Speaking

Dress for Success

Preparing for the Job Interview

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### Professor William O'Connell

Communications Professor and Best Selling Author of “Homeless in Paradise”.

**Title of Presentation: What it takes to be Humble** (4 speakers are available for this topic)

**Ray Negron** (NY Times Best Selling Author, Movie Producer of Henry & Me) and New York Yankees Executive for 39 years and special advisor to the late George M. Steinbrenner.

**Greg Jagenburg** USA World Champion Swimmer, All-American, and successful business leader.

**Ciaran Sheehan**, Entertainer/Singer, Phantom of the Opera former Broadway star in more than 2,000 performances.

<http://www.lulu.com/blog/2010/09/03/focus-author-success-story/>

<http://www.americantowns.com/ny/brentwood/news/suffolk-county-community-college-s-professor-william-o-connell-to-consult-for-315615>

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Resumes

Interviewing

Life Issues

Military

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## **Criminal Justice, Law and Legal**

## Nancy Ellis

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### **Title of Presentation: Jump Start Your Legal Career”**

Focuses on the importance of the work of legal professionals and career choices including law enforcement, paralegal, court officer, court reporter, lawyer, and judge. *Note: chalk board or a white board and Power Point capability required.* High school students and adult professional development.

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## Pola Griego

Assistant Professor, Suffolk County Community College

Professor Griego is a licensed Master Social Worker teaching as an adjunct since 1990. She works with juvenile delinquents and their families since 1075. Youth and families in New York

State have been adjudicated by family court, and she works for the agency of last resort, working with the most difficult populations.

**Title of the Presentation: Families and the Juvenile Justice System**

I will discuss how parents and grandparents are affected when families experience difficulties such as divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, etc. I will focus specifically on the effect on the children at home and in school. Many children are mandated for services and may be removed from their homes.

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**Cultures and Religions**

**Paul Turano and Katherine Aguirre**

Paul: Professional Assistant, Media Services

Katherine: Counselor/Assistant Professor

Paul received a BS in Communication arts from St. John's University. Katherine holds a BA in Psychology, an MS in School of Counseling, and a PD in Education Administration

**Title of the Presentation: A Virtual Tour through Europe**

This talk and tour will address the presenter's various experiences throughout countries in Europe. Will discuss the different cultures, tourist attractions, and cuisine.

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**Pola Griego**

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Professor Griego is a licensed Master Social Worker teaching as an adjunct since 1990. She works with juvenile delinquents and their families since 1975. Youth and families in New York State have been adjudicated by family court, and she works for the agency of last resort, working with the most difficult populations.

**Title of the Presentation: You and Your Culture – what makes you who you are**

Race, ethnicity, religion, sex, and gender all make you who you are and how you are socialized. Let's explore how you become the person you are today!

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**Linda Smith**

BA in social Sciences, MA in Elementary Education, currently enrolled part time in a Masters of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is a Career Advisor part time since 1995 at Suffolk County Community College with experience as a marketing administration manager.

**Title of the Presentation: “My Culture: On Being Italian/Irish/Polish/German**

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## *Health and Wellness*

**Michele Gentile, MA, OTR**

Assistant Professor & Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

B.A., St. Joseph's College; M.A., New York University. Utilizing her background in occupational therapy and life and wellness coaching, Michele teaches groups introductory concepts of motivation for behavior change and tools of coaching including self-assessment, goal setting, and social support for enhanced performance in academics and health and wellness.

**Title of Presentation: The Coach Approach – 60 Minute Presentation**

Suggested Audiences and Topics:

SEPTA groups: “Parent as Coach: The coach approach to academic success”

For Those Living With Chronic Illness: “Utilizing Coaching tools for enhanced wellbeing”

Wellness Related Groups: “Identifying Obstacles and Managing detours on your Wellness Journey.”

Peer Mentors: “Exploring Coaching in Mentor Relationships”

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**Jamie Hawkins, LMSW**

Adjunct Professor. Adolescent social worker at Stony Brook University Hospital

**Title of the Presentation: CAPP**

CAPP is a program that is set up to reduce HIV, STD's, and unwanted pregnancy. (10-24 years of age).

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## Alphonse J. Heraghty

Associate Professor of Health, Wellness and Physical Education

BSE / MSE – Health/Physical Education - SUNY Cortland

Professor Heraghty has been teaching Health and Physical Education at Suffolk County Community College for thirteen years. He was an All-American lacrosse player and captain at SUNY Cortland. He also coached college lacrosse for seven years and led Suffolk Community College to the National Championship game in 2006.

### **Title of the Presentation: Staying Active—Basic Exercises to Get You Moving!**

Starting a fitness program may be one of the best things you can do for your health. With your doctor's OK to exercise, physical activity can reduce your risk of chronic disease, improve your balance and coordination, help you lose weight — even improve your sleep habits and self-esteem.

In this talk, Professor Heraghty will speak about 4 important steps to get started. He will also demonstrate exercises with basic equipment for individuals of all skill levels.

Step 1: How to get started

Step 2: Design your fitness program

Step 3: Basic equipment – (Tennis ball, dumbbells, elastic bands)

Step 4: Demonstration of exercise

### **Other Topics:**

Seniors and Exercise  
Benefits of Healthy Lifestyle

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## Fred Holtz, PhD

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### Topics:

Attention Deficit Disorder  
Diagnosis and Treatment  
Reducing Stress and Anxiety  
How to Improve Your Marriage  
How to Grow a Small Business on Long Island  
Psychology 101 Stress Management  
Psychological Evaluation  
Psychotherapy  
Dating 101

*Note: specify audience type and specific presentation interest*

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Associate Professor of Nursing . B.S., State University of New York at Stony Brook;  
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### **Title of Presentation: “Care of the Newborn”**

Covers all aspects of Maternal and Newborn Care including the Immediate care of the newborn after delivery, duties of the RN, the infant's Sensory Behaviors, Sleep/Awake Behaviors, Temperature Regulation & Nutrition Needs, General Care of the Newborn, Vital signs, measurements, and Education of new parents. *Supplies: Handouts/ Infant doll.* Content can be adjusted depending on the age of the participants.

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## Natalie Niemann

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Assistant Professor of Engineering/Technology, Suffolk County Community College

**Title of Presentation: Home Modifications for Easy Access**

The majority of the recommendations are focused on wheelchair accessibility but can also be applied universally. Extensive remodeling of a dwelling can be costly, but a few simple steps and modifications can economically enhance a person's home.

Items presented:

- Exterior Ramps
- Interior Stair Lifts
- Bathroom Modifications
- Kitchen Modifications
- Miscellaneous Modifications

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## Dr. Victoria Siegel

Associate Professor of Nursing

B.S., Adelphi University; M.S., University of California at San Francisco. Her work with skin cancer research is valuable in increasing public awareness about the dangers of tanning.

### **Title of Presentation: To Tan or Not to Tan**

Discusses the danger of the sun and skin cancer.

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## Dr. Michelle Snell Fowler

Associate Professor, Coordinator of Institutional Development.

Doctor of Education from St. John's University. Dissertation topic: Faculty and Administrators perception of the degree of the infusion of technology. MBA from Dowling College, with 11 years of service at Suffolk County Community College, 5 years on Wall Street, and 17 years at Brookhaven National Lab. She also teaches graduate courses in the Human Services Leadership Program at St. Josephs College.

### **Title of the Presentation: Nutrition and the Importance of Mobility**

Food pyramid, the importance of nutrition and staying mobile. I will discuss my own personal injuries and limitations and how my diet and what I consume makes a difference in my quality of life. Staying mobile, being active, we don't use it we lose it. How importance a balanced diet is and how it coincides with longevity.

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## Janet Stevens, RNC-OB, C-EFM, BSN, CCRN

Adjunct Faculty Professional Assistant . L & D, AP Clinician IV/RTS, Perinatal Bereavement Facilitator, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. Emergency Cardiac Care Program Director CHSLI/American Heart Association CTC Coordinator

### **Available Topics:**

Perinatal Bereavement Facilitator  
Emergency Cardiac Care  
Others upon request

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## Min Su

Dr. Min Su works as the research specialist for Title III project. She took graduate courses in Chinese culture studies which emphasized on Chinese philosophy and its impact on Chinese food and living.

### **Title of Presentation: Chinese Food Therapy**

Chinese food therapy is based on the philosophy that food has the characteristics of Yin (chilling effect) and Yang (heat-inducing quality). Imbalance between Yin and Yang is said to increase susceptibility of sickness or may even cause disease. In this talk, Min will introduce this belief system of Chinese food therapy. She will also introduce the Yin or Yang property of some common food items and recipes. The major goal of the talk is to help audience know the characteristics of some common food and help them pick and cook the food they need for a healthier body. No Materials Required. Maximum Size 40.

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## **History**

## Audrey DeLong

Associate Professor of English, Suffolk County Community College

Audrey DeLong received her PhD in Medieval Literature from UNC-Chapel Hill. Prior to that, her undergraduate work was at Cornell University. She previously taught at Campbell University and on Fort Bragg, as both a Language Instructor (French) and British Literature adjunct. She has been at Suffolk for eight years and her research interests include the Crusades, war movies, gender and popular culture.

**Title of the Presentation: The Crusades: Then and Now**

This talk will cover the basic questions of the Medieval Crusades: What is a crusade? Who were the 'sides' of the wars? What is the importance of religion in these wars? How did they start? How was the West forever changed?

The talk will include a Power Point presentation (image heavy) of the major religious sites, maps, and crusader warriors.

At the end, we will consider the implications of these medieval conflicts and how they illuminate the tensions in the Middle East, particularly Israel, to this day.  
No materials required.

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**Martha Kinney**

Instructor of History

B.A., Converse College; M.A., California State University, Hayward in European History. Ph.D. candidate in Modern European History at Penn State. Twenty-three years experience as an officer in the U.S. Army, both active and reserve service.

**Title of Presentation: Soldiers' Life in the First World War: The Sounds, Smells, and Taste of War**

Discusses everyday life on the Western Front from 1914-1918. 7th-12th grade preferred (must specify grade). Audience size up to 50.

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***Hobbies, Arts and Crafts/DIY***

**Gayle Sheridan**

Instructional Media Coordinator/Professor, Suffolk Community College

Gayle Sheridan is a Professor at Suffolk County Community College. She teaches Digital Photography and Group Dynamics. In her instructional media role she creates instructional tools for classroom use.

**Title of the Presentation: Reporting From...(making short videos to post on YouTube)**

Staying in touch with family and friends is important to many of us. In this interactive workshop, we'll spend time storyboarding our personal message being certain to keep it brief; three-minutes or less. The idea is to give a quick update of how you are or what you've been doing. Here's a link a similar idea: <http://youtu.be/iGC9VHCvvPM> Then, we'll spend the remainder of our time capturing video clips to post on YouTube and share with our family and friends. Ideally this workshop would be offered once per month (September, October, November, February, March, April, May). Maximum size of the audience should be 20.

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**Jane-Marie Wright**

Professor of Mathematics

Jane-Marie began her career at Suffolk Community College as an adjunct instructor in 1980 and has never left. Her interest in quilting began around the Bicentennial when American folk crafts gained a surge in popularity. Most recently, she has taken up spinning (with a wheel, not a bike).

**Title of the Presentation: Quilt Trunk Show!**

This presentation is designed simply for fun and lass as an academic lecture. I will bring about half a dozen quilts that I have made and talk about each.

**Title of the Presentation: Mathematical Analysis of Civil War Patchwork. Or How to Use Modern Methods to Make Old Fashioned Quilt Blocks Easily**

Patchwork, The Civil War, Mathematics – what could these possibly have in common? This talk will examine how to mathematically determine the underlying structure of patchwork quilt blocks, focusing on blocks that may or may not have been popular during the Civil War. A very brief social history of the war will set the stage. A small amount of algebra coupled with a great deal of geometry will engage the brain cells. Finally, for fun, two modern quilts made from reproduction fabrics will be examined for quilt structure and construction.

General Availability: Wednesdays after 3:00 and select Fridays.

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**Language and Literature****Matt Carolan**

Adjunct Professor, Humanities & Philosophy, Suffolk County Community College

Adjunct Professor Carolan has been teaching at Suffolk County Community College for over 20 years, while working full-time outside the college as a journalist and digital marketer.

MA in Philosophy, Fordham University  
 MA in Theology, St. John's University (NY)

**Title of Presentation: How You Too Can Use Myths to Lead Civilization and Make a Billion Dollars**

In this talk, Professor Carolan will give you:

- A proper understanding of “myths,” contrasted against science and philosophy
- A look at some theories on the origins of myth from prominent thinkers
- Why myths remain relevant even today
- A fun group exercise to start you on your way to making a billion dollars, just like that lady who wrote Harry Potter

No materials are required. Maximum size of audience should be about fifty.

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### Possible Lectures

**Title of the Presentation: Chaucer and his World**

A brief introduction to the Renaissance in England: what it is, how we can define it, and how it shaped Geoffrey Chaucer's life and works. A brief discussion of his contribution to English literature, including a synopsis of the Knight's Tale and the Miller's Tale. (handouts)

**Title of the Presentation: Marie de France and the Supernatural**

One of the few female writers of the Middle Ages, Marie de France's literary world was filled with magic: love potions, shape-changing knights, and mysterious creatures. This presentation will introduce three of her texts: Lanval (the original Lancelot story), Bisclavret (a werewolf-knight) and Les Deux Amants (a love potion goes awry) and the role magic plays in romantic stories with brief notes about the language. (handouts)

**Title of the Presentation: Vampires, Werewolves, Zombies and Us**

We all know that Godzilla was created as a reflection of the fears of nuclear mutation, a harmless lizard mutated after exposure to the Bikini Atoll test, but other, older monsters also remind us of our fears and anxieties. This talk will take the most common and popular monsters, and discuss

their cinematic and literary origins, as well as what they tell us about ourselves. Why are zombies suddenly so popular in tv and movies? Why were vampires' popularity reignited so brightly a few years ago in the Twilight novels?

**Title of the Presentation: From Beowulf to Rambo: Heroes and Western Heroism**

This lecture will look at the literary origins of our idea of what it means to be a hero, from Anglo-Saxon culture, through the Crusades, and into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, with iconic figures such as Rocky, Rambo, and John McClane of the Die Hard series becoming household names. How do we understand heroism when we see it? What makes the good guy good and the bad guy bad? What's the function of violence? What implications do these have in our outside world? (Can you be a hero without violence?)

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**Professor Leslie C. Derenfeld**

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**Title of the Presentation: Secret Historical Messages Hidden in Mother Goose Tales**

Everyone is familiar with Mother Goose rhymes and tales, but few of us know the true history and stories they actually tell. Humpty Dumpty was a cannon, children sang, "Ring around the rosie" in graveyards, and who was really Old King Cole?

With the use of riddles, language games, and even some legal finagling, you'll never think of Mother Goose and her rhymes the same way again!

**Title of the Presentation: Feeling Ill? Need a pill? Do not despair, Dr.Seuss'll be there!**

Who was Dr. Seuss? A boy who loved zoos and drawing silly animals? A college student voted 'least likely to succeed?' An author and illustrator who changed children's books and the love for reading forever? ALL OF THE ABOVE and so much more.

You shared his stories with your children and grandchildren, and now, as seasoned adults, let's discover cryptic messages and unseen characters that are shrouded in six of his special stories hardly intended for young listeners.

Find out more about the real Theodor Geisel, or is it LeSieg or really Seuss as we explore and actually become one of his fascinating books, Green Eggs and Ham.

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**Dr. Marlene DuBois**

Associate Professor of English, Suffolk County Community College

Marlene DuBois has been with the English Department at Suffolk County Community College for thirteen years. However, before she came to the College, she had another life reading poetry and prose in Persian and Arabic of the Medieval period, and following the threads of the intellectual traditions represented in those works. She received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from SUNY at Stony Brook, and preserves her interests now through the teaching of literature, and continued work in translation of Medieval texts in Persian.

**Title of Presentation: The Donkey, the Rose and the Nightingale: What are They Doing in Persian Poetry?**

The Persian poets tend to tell a story that only *purports* to tell a story. When you look carefully, you will see that their story is merely a framework for allusions, and the hidden meaning is couched inside it. Together, we will read lines like this: “He who kissed the *kûn-e khar* [the donkey’s ass]—/how could his lip be worthy of the sugar-kiss of the Messiah?” and marvel at the salty tongue of Rumi, the most famous of the Persian poets. Unfortunately, most translations on the shelf at a bookstore will give a reader only a loose translation. The most important bits of context that help situate the poet within his or her intellectual tradition are often skipped entirely, so that the point is lost, and the reader wonders what all the flowery speech is really about. This talk will offer more of that elusive context, so the reader can continue to read independently later, knowing what lies at the core of the poet’s message.

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## Ann Helfgott

Professor Helfgott has been teaching about the Holocaust since 2000 and also teaches World Mythology. She received her AB from Sarah Lawrence College and MA from the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has also taught special topics courses in Women’s Studies, namely “Women in the Hebrew Bible.” Although she has a traditional lifestyle, she considers herself an iconoclast. Others say she’s a feminist; she says she’s a humanist.

**Two Possible Lectures**

**Title of the Presentation: The Rehabilitation of Eve**

We will carefully examine the Garden of Eden story – Genesis chapters 2 and 3. Eve, the mother of us all, gets the blame for life’s troubles, but she’s my hero! Furthermore, I’ll show you why I think a woman wrote the story.

**Title of the Presentation: Forbidden Sex in the Hebrew Bible**

Many bible heroes would never have been born had their forbearers obeyed the law. Sexy women took action and changed history! We’ll also examine the biblical attitude toward these women.

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## Wenxin Li, Ph.D.

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Wenxin Li holds a doctorate from Purdue University and teaches courses in composition and literature. Professionally, he is active in the Modern Language Association of America, American Literature Association, and The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS). In addition to literary studies, he is interested in language acquisition theories and creative writing. He is a native speaker of Chinese.

### **Title of the Presentation: Chinese Language and Culture**

In 2008, *Fortune Magazine* published an article entitled, “You Have 7 Years to Learn Mandarin [Chinese].” Why? You can go and look up the article, but I will offer a quick summary here. Basically, the article argues for the urgent need to study Chinese from an economic point of view because China has become a major force in global commerce. I would add another dimension to the project: language and culture go hand in hand. In order to learn Chinese well, you must also understand some key aspects of its culture. Why not learn Chinese? It’s spoken by more 1.5 billion people all over the world; it’s one of the seven working languages of the United Nations; and it’s one of the few ancient languages independently developed outside the Indo-European language family.

My talk will offer a brief history of the Chinese language and culture in an easy and accessible manner. Hopefully, this will form the beginning of an exciting exploration into an ancient and unique civilization.

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Daniel Linker has been with the English Department at Suffolk County Community College for the past eight years. After receiving his BA in English and History at Lafayette College, he went on to Northeastern University for MA in English. Following that he spent a year teaching English in Austria through the Fulbright Commission, and has been at Suffolk since. Among his interests are Linguistics and the History of the English Language.

### **Title of the Presentation: The History of the English Language**

This talk will outline the history and development of the English Language from its origins through today and into the future. We will discuss when, why, and how it has developed, as well as speculate as to where it might be going. Along the way we will listen to examples of Old English, Middle English, and early Modern English poems, texts, and songs, such as *Beowulf*

and *The Canterbury Tales*, as well as practice our own Old and Middle English pronunciation. No materials are required. Maximum size of audience should be about fifty.

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## Jeanneth Sangurima-Quiles

Spanish Adjunct Lecturer, Suffolk County Community College and Online for City University of NY

The professor is known as Profe SQ in the Spanish Departments in which she teaches, 5 years in SCCC and 9 years in CUNY. She received both her BA and MS with honors from Queens College. Profe SQ is a native speaker of Spanish but bi-lingual and bi-cultural of both Spanish and English. She enjoys sharing her knowledge of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture.

### **Title of the Presentation: Introductions in Spanish**

This basic Spanish lesson will teach how to meet and greet people in Spanish. It will show the comparison between the English and Spanish alphabet. We will practice in the target language how to ask and reply to basic greetings. The material needed is a white wall or screen. The professor will bring her own PowerPoint Presentation and projector. There's no maximum size of audience.

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## *Math*

## Maria T. Alzugaray, PhD

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

B.S., M.S. - Kharkov State University, Ukraine. PhD - Mathematical Analysis: University of the Algarve, Portugal. High school, undergraduate, and graduate level teacher. In high school, Professor Alzugaray was a member of the Cuban National Math Team.

### **Title of Presentation: The Fibonacci Numbers**

Leonardo de Pisa, also called Fibonacci, is well known for having introduced in Europe the Hindu-Arabic numerals we use today. He also solved the famous Rabbit problem obtaining a sequence of numbers that bear his name. The Fibonacci numbers have interesting and engaging properties. *Note: Chalk board or a white board and Power Point capability required.* 9-12 grade students (indicate grade). 60 students maximum. May be presented to adults upon request.

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## Anabel Darini

Instructor of Mathematics

B.A., University of Texas, Pan American; M.A., State University of New York at Stony Brook.

### **Title of Presentation: The Mayan Numeration System**

The calendar and astrological systems of the Mayan Civilization are explained. Students write their birthdates using Mayan Numerals. *Note: chalk board or whiteboard and a Power Point capability required.* 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (specify). Maybe presented to adults upon request.

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## **Miscellany**

## Paulette Brinka

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B.S., Boston University; M.A., Hofstra University. Facilitator for the group, “Dress for Success Brookhaven.”

### **Title of Presentation: Women in Politics**

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## Regina Keller

Professor of Mathematics, Suffolk County Community College

Professor Keller has been teaching Mathematics at SCCC since 1985. She has always had a penchant for volunteering. She spent 10 years as an advisor to 2 student clubs at the college. She has been a member of the Sachem PTA and Father’s club, a volunteer tutor at the Sachem Library, and most recently a foster mom for Yorkie911 Rescue a small breed rescue organization. ([www.yorkie911rescue.org](http://www.yorkie911rescue.org) 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization)  
MS, SUNY Stony Brook

**Title of Presentation: Rehabilitating puppy mill survivors**

In this talk, Professor Keller will explain the life of a puppy mill breeding dog. She will detail the workings of a rescue group including the process of recovering, fostering and transitioning the rescued dog into a household “family” member. Prof. Keller has personally fostered over 30 rescued dogs over the past 2 years.

If the facility allows, Prof. Keller will be accompanied by her 6 pound Yorkie, Monkey Man, who is a 10 year old puppy mill survivor from Nebraska. (He has no teeth and does not shed).

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**Music****Robin Hill**

Robin Hill is a PhD candidate in Computing Technology in Education and is Coordinator of Instructional Design. She has an M.S in Mathematics Education, a B.S. in Mathematics/Computer Science, and an A.A.S. in Computing Technology. In addition to working in higher education, she has enjoyed a professional singing career for more than 30 years.

**Title of the Presentation: Tribute to Music of ‘30’s and ‘40’s**

This course will: 1) focus on popular composers from the 1930’s and 1940’s; 2) review historical events that may have inspired the songs; and 3) take a brief look at the inventions of the time. Students will interact with the content participating in sing-alongs, and answering trivia questions.

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**Dr. John Jerome**

Academic Chair, Mathematics

Talented musician who plays string instruments: viola, violin, and cello. Willing to perform at holiday events.

**Title of Presentation: Holiday Music**

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**James W. Smith, Jr.**

Adjunct professor of Music

James holds a MA in Music History and a DMA in historical performance

**Title of the Presentation: Renaissance Art and Musical Instruments**

Web tour of the Metropolitan Museum Art and Instrument collection. Brief tutorial of the web site. The focus will be art works of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries that feature the renaissance lute.

View examples from the instrument collection. The presentation will be followed up with a live performance on the replica 16<sup>th</sup> century lute.

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## **Psychology and Mental Health**

Courtney Brewer, PhD, LMHC

Instructor of Psychology

Courtney has been teaching Psychology on the Ammerman Campus of Suffolk County Community College full time since 2011 and prior to that was an adjunct instructor beginning in 2008.

### **Two Possible Lectures**

#### **Title of the Presentation: Understanding Memory**

Memory is one of the many areas of brain functioning which are not fully understood, yet it is an integral part of our daily life, and even our survival. How does memory work? Why do some of us have “better” memory than others? Where exactly is memory located in the brain, and what is the process of making a memory? These and other questions will be explored, along with some discussion on some of the most recent, and most puzzling discoveries which fascinate those who are on the cutting edge of memory research.

#### **Title of the Presentation: Sleeping and Dreaming**

What is happening to us during the process of falling asleep? Why do we sleep at night? Why is sleep necessary in the first place, and why do we dream? These and other questions will be explored in this presentation on sleeping and dreaming.

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**Title of the Presentation: Your Brain: Use it or Lose it!**

The brain is a learning machine. To keep it strong, we must continually develop new skills. Activities should command our full and close attention to activate chemical changes in the brain. New, positive, and surprising experiences exercise the brain machinery that make us bright and alert. Learn amazing brain facts and how to apply them to your life. Challenge your brain with optical illusions and 'simple' reading exercises.

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## Vincent McCambley

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Have worked with adolescents and families for the past 41 years plus in residential setting (delinquent centers) and at a high school (Dean of Students-32 years at Half Hollow Hills High School West.

Board of Directors (since May, 2000) and Secretary of the Board, since 2004-Association for Case Management and Housing (ACMH) 254 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NYC 10001, phone number 212-274-8558. Contact person is Dan Johansson, Executive Vice President and CEO of ACMH- (his extension number is 214). ACMH is a nonprofit mental health agency that provides case work services and housing to almost 300 chronically mentally ill adults. The agency presently operates 4 community residences and a number of supported apartment residences for their clients.

I journeyed for 46 years with my older sister with her schizophrenia and for the last 23 years of her life, as her Primary Care giver, until her death in 2005.

**Title of Presentation: Families and Mental Health Issues**

An exploration of the stigma of mental health issues on families and how families are affected by the numerous mental health issues (anxiety, depression, Alzheimer's disease, substance abuse) that affect an individual and the fallout on family. How do families cope with the vast array of mental health issues? What resources are there that can help? What can I do even now for myself and my family?

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## Jessica Joyce, LMSW

Assistant Professor, Counselor

B.S.W., State University of New York at Stony Brook; M.S.W., Fordham University. Special needs counselor and academic counselor.

### **Title of Presentation: The Adult Learner**

Coming to college for the first time or coming back can be overwhelming. Some of the questions and concerns covered will be:

- What are the challenges faced by adult learners?
- How do I start the process of applying?
- What resources are available to assist the transition?
- What are some strategies that are beneficial?
- What can I do with my degree?

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## Colleen Prunier

Assistant Professor of Nursing

Professor Prunier teaches nursing at Suffolk County Community College. Her specialty is Psychiatric Nursing. A.A.S., State University of New York at Farmingdale; B.S., M.S., State University of New York at Stony Brook

### **Title of Presentation: Reminiscing for Seniors**

Participants are led in reminiscing activities.

### **Title of Presentation: Alzheimer Awareness**

Learn about this disabling condition.

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## *Sciences*

## Jean Anastasia, Ph.D.

Professor and Assistant Academic Chair,

Biology Department, Suffolk County Community College

Dr. Anastasia has been teaching Oceanography and General Biology at Suffolk County Community College for ten years. She received her Ph.D. in 1999 from the Department of Ecology and Evolution at SUNY Stony Brook, where she focused on marine ecology. Her thesis focused on the impacts of predation and ultraviolet radiation on crab larvae.

**Title of the Presentation: Impacts of Global Change on Marine Ecosystems**

In this talk, Dr. Anastasia will discuss some impacts on the ocean and marine organisms that may result from global climate change. She will discuss work from her doctoral thesis on the impact of increasing ultraviolet radiation on crab larvae as well as discuss possible effects of increasing temperatures and acidification on various marine organisms.

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## Vladimir Jurukovski, PhD

Assistant Professor of Biology, Suffolk County Community College

Professor Jurukovski has been teaching Biology and anatomy and Physiology at Suffolk County Community College for almost five years. In addition he teaches Essential Cell Biology at Stony Brook University as adjunct professor at the Material Science Department and he is involved in several research projects dealing with adult stem cells. He has published a number of scientific papers in peer reviewed journals and has presented his work at several domestic and international meetings. He is author of a book chapter as part of the Fibrosis Research as part of Methods in Molecular Medicine series.

**Title of the Presentation: Adult stem cells: how potent are they?**

In this talk, Professor Jurukovski will present some basic facts about the stem cells and limit his talk on the isolation, characterization and use of adult stem cells. His research involves so called dental pulp stem cells and examples of his research will be used to provide insight of the possible use and usefulness of this kind stem cells and the research related to them.

LCD projector for the power-point presentation will be needed and the audience should be around 50 individuals.

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## Jeffrey S. Tongue

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Atmospheric Science

Weather Forecasting

Hurricanes

Winter Storms

Climate Change

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## Marianne E. McNamara

Assistant Professor of Biology and Oceanography, Suffolk County Community College

Marianne is a faculty member in the biology department where she teaches biology, oceanography and marine biology. She actively studies jellyfish in Great South Bay and is finishing up her Ph. D. in Marine Science at Stony Brook University. Marianne has spent several months at sea in nearby Long Island waters, as well as the Eastern Tropical Pacific and Antarctica.

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M.S. Marine and Atmospheric Science; Stony Brook University

B.A. Biology; University of Maine at Machias

### **Three possible lectures:**

**Title of the Presentation: Antarctica: My Experience at the Bottom of the World**

In this talk, Professor McNamara will highlight the adventures of conducting research on and living aboard an icebreaker for two months at the bottom of the world. Find out how scientists

work (and play) in this harsh, remote - but beautiful - setting. Enjoy breath-taking photography, while she describes traveling in 60-foot seas, navigating the Ross Ice Shelf (the farthest point south approachable by ship), working in subzero temperatures under 24-hours of daylight, and encountering the locals (seals, whales and penguins)!

**Title of the Presentation: Jellyfishing for answers: Understanding the role of ‘jellies’ in our local marine food webs**

Jellyfish have received a lot of attention on Long Island in recent years. Although a natural predator in our waters, “the blobs of summer” - as one researcher coined them – seem to turn everybody (from swimmers for their painful stings, to fisherman for their net-clogging tendencies) against them. Find out why jellyfish are a growing concern among scientists and swimmers alike, and how local research is helping us understand the role of this natural predator in Long Island waters.

**Title of the Presentation: The Deep Sea**

With an average depth of two miles, the vast majority of ocean lies within a zone where light is either extremely limited or altogether absent. This zone, collectively known as the Deep Sea, is perpetually cold, dark and under immense pressures from the weight of the water above. The fish and shellfish found here have evolved special adaptations to survive this harsh environment, including bioluminescence, fearsome teeth, extendable jaws and stomachs, a watery composition, and even parasitic sexual reproduction! Learn about this extreme environment and the special animals that call this otherworldly environment their home.

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## Hector Sepulveda, MD, MA, MPH

Campus Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Doctor of Medicine: Stony Brook School of Medicine. Masters in Public Health: Columbia University. Masters in Human Resource Management. Kellogg Fellow in Leadership and Higher Education. Paramedic for NYC Emergency Response System.

**Title of Presentation: You can be anything you dream of and help your communities as leaders, not followers**

Motivational talk for students of all ages and interests.

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## Linda Smith

BA in social Sciences, MA in Elementary Education, currently enrolled part time in a Masters of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is a Career Advisor part time since 1995 at Suffolk County Community College with experience as a marketing administration manager.

### Two Possible Lectures

**Title of the Presentation: Getting Organized: How to De-Clutter Your Life**

**Title of the Presentation: How to Be a Good Listener/Friend**

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## Deborah S. Wolfson

Professor of Mathematics

Excelsior Program Liaison B.S., State University of New York at Buffalo; M.S., Adelphi University

### **Title of Presentation: Bridging the Gap, High School to College**

Easing students' transition from high school to college. Getting acquainted with college life at Suffolk County Community College. *Note: A Smart Board and/or computer and white board required.* Presentation is focused on individuals contemplating entering SCCC.

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## *Technology/Social Media/Social Networking*

## Joan Cook

Professional Assistant 2

Theatre Department and Huntington Library, Suffolk County Community College

Joan Cook has been the Graphic Designer for the Suffolk County Community College Theatre Department since 1998. Each year she designs four original posters for the Theatre Training Program productions, as well as all print and electronic publicity for performances and shows on all three campuses. Joan also maintains the department website and social media (Facebook)

pages. She is an alumnus of Suffolk County Community College, and recently earned her Master Degree in Library and Information Science from Long Island University, CW Post. Her interests include art, design and technology, and she is passionate about working with individuals, in order that they may understand how to access to information, or communicate and share with others using technology.

### **Two Possible Lectures**

#### **Title of the Presentation: Facebook – Family, Friends and More**

This talk may be tailored to the individual group needs and may range from just a general discussion about what Facebook is and how to use it to communicate with others, to a more detailed discussion about working with photo albums and security issues. The purpose of the talk will be based on the general group needs or concerns, and could range from an introduction to the concept and jargon of this social media venue to a more detailed review. This talk will also address any questions or concerns the clients may have.

The presentation may be tailored to meet the facilities' technical capabilities. Handouts may be used, or if a computer and projection unit are available, a 'live' presentation may be given. Depending on the technical situation, individual instruction may be given in small groups, or just a general discussion may be more appropriate for a larger audience.

#### **Title of the Presentation: Connecting With Others through Email**

This talk may be tailored to the individual group needs and may range from just a general discussion about what email is and how to use it to communicate with others, to a more detailed discussion about attaching photos or documents. The purpose of the talk will be based on the general group needs or concerns, and could range from learning the jargon and procedures to open an individual email account, to actually doing it. This talk will also address any questions or concerns the clients may have.

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## **Dr. Michelle Snell Fowler**

Associate Professor, Coordinator of Institutional Development.

Doctor of Education from St. John's University. Dissertation topic: Faculty and Administrators perception of the degree of the infusion of technology. MBA from Dowling College, with 11 years of service at Suffolk County Community College, 5 years on Wall Street, and 17 years at

Brookhaven National Lab. She also teaches graduate courses in the Human Services Leadership Program at St. Josephs College.

### **Two Possible Lectures**

#### **Title of the Presentation: Nutrition and the Importance of Mobility**

Food pyramid, the importance of nutrition and staying mobile. I will discuss my own personal injuries and limitations and how my diet and what I consume makes a difference in my quality of life. Staying mobile, being active, we don't use it we lose it. How importance a balanced diet is and how it coincides with longevity.

#### **Title of the Presentation: How to Set-up and E-mail Account, On-line Course (the new way to obtain a degree), Accessibility**

Set up an e-mail account so they can communicate with family. Other ways to obtain a college degree without being able to physically be on a college campus. Accessibility: education being available on-line to everyone regardless of a disability, ex. hearing impaired, sight impaired, motor skills issues, etc.

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## *Special Topics*

### David Moriarty

Associate Professor of English, and Assistant Chair of the English & Humanities Department, Suffolk County Community College, Grant Campus

Dr. Moriarty is an Instructor of English 101 and various literature courses with over thirty-five years of teaching experience. He served in Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam, as a Vietnamese interpreter for MACV Team 19, 1970-71. He has an undergraduate degree in English from the College of the Holy Cross and a Masters and PhD in English from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. He is a co-editor for Veterans Legacy.

### Ina Casali

Adjunct Assistant Professor, English Department  
US Navy WAVES Vietnam Era Veteran  
Faculty Advisor, Student Veterans Association  
Co-Director Veterans Legacy

Professor Casali has been teaching English and Writing at Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) for twelve years. Prior to teaching, she was an Administrative Professional Assistant at SCCC for twelve years. She is currently working on her novel, Name, Rank and Serial Number. She has been the Faculty Advisor for the Student Veterans Association at the Grant Campus for 3 ½ years and is the Co-Editor for the recently formed Veterans Legacy veterans writing group.

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#### **Title of the Presentation: Veterans Legacy**

The focus of this group is for veterans to provide their voice whether they write something from before, during or after their military service. They can share letters, e-mail, journal/diary entries, essays or a reflection of an experience. If they request assistance with their writing, we are more than willing to provide that. Our thought is to have a group that meets one afternoon a week at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northport. There are no materials required other than a notebook or a personal computer. Veterans may also choose to submit electronically. The ultimate goal is to have an e-publication and eventually, a paper edition.

## Ray DiSanza

Assistant Professor of English, Suffolk County Community College

Professor DiSanza has been a member of the SCCC faculty since 2008, and a full-time faculty member since fall 2013. His scholarly interests range from classical studies to Postcolonial Lit and Theory to Popular Culture, television, film and graphic fiction. He has published articles with *The Edgar Allan Poe Review*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *This Rough Magic*, and presented at international conferences in Reykjavik, Iceland and Jendouba, Tunisia.

### **Title of Presentation: Satire and Parody as acts of Love**

Description of Presentation: This presentation explores the nature of satire and parody as unique, though often intertwined genres and literary/cinematic elements. The important questions that I hope to answer are: to what extent are satire and parody are fueled by love, rather than by scorn, hatred, or derision? And how does this love manifest itself in the works of satirists and parodists? Texts discussed will include Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright's *Shaun of the Dead*; Stanley Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove*; *Hamlet 2*; *South Park*; *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*; and Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* and "A Modest Proposal."

### **Title of the Presentation: Not Just Kids' Stuff: Understanding Comics and Graphic Literature**

We've all heard people say it. Maybe some of us have even said it ourselves. "Comic books are for children. Comics have no place in education. Comics have no literary value." This presentation explores and challenges the assumptions that inform such negative perceptions of graphic literature. Through a discussion of texts including Art Spiegelman's *Maus*, Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis*, Alan Moore's *Watchmen* and *V for Vendetta*, Frank Miller's *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns*, and Neil Gaiman's *Sandman*, we'll examine the art and narrative of comics and graphic literature. Can be tailored to a YA audience.

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Professor Gudelinis has been teaching Reading and Freshman Seminar at Suffolk County Community College since 2009. He is also the coordinator of the SCCC Reading Center. He has taught at numerous school districts on a variety of levels and positions before coming to Suffolk County Community College. The last position he held before becoming a professor was in the Connetquot School District as a resource room teacher for elementary and middle school students. Currently, he's working on getting his second master's degree from SUNY Albany in Instructional Technology and Curriculum Development. The best time for him to present is usually Friday afternoons.

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### **Title of the Presentation: New York Islanders History Past to Present and the Future**

I will discuss the ups and downs of the last true dynasty in the NHL (National Hockey League). Topics to be discussed will be from the start of the expansion era, rise to power, four straight Stanley Cups, the downfall of a once proud franchise including the Spano deal gone bad, and lastly the rebirth after many down years. The Islanders have a bright future, but sadly now they're in Brooklyn.

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