Here and There ... and Everywhere ...

Rutgers English Faculty Professional Activities

- Abena P. A. Busia: invited speaker at the Social Trends Institute (Expertise in Basel, Switzerland)
- Ann Baynes Coiro: paper presented at the Shakespeare Association of America Annual Meeting in Dallas; invited speaker at Rutgers University
- Elin Diamond: organizer of the Translation² Conference
- Abena P. A. Busia: invited speaker at the Social Trends Institute at the University of Michigan; keynote speaker for two conferences at the University of Alabama; roundtable panelist for a conference at Queen’s University in Belfast, and Oxford University
- Jonathan Brody Kramnick: invited speaker at the University of California, Berkeley; the University of Maryland, College Park; and Yale University
- Michael McKeon: organizer for the Global Poetess Symposium at Rutgers University
- Michael McKeon: invited visiting professor at the University of New Mexico; centre for conferences and seminars, and the University of Pittsburgh
- Somai Perera: invited speaker at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Michael McKeon: invited visiting professor at the University of New Mexico; centre for conferences and seminars, and the University of Pittsburgh
- Larry Scallon: organizer of the Formations New and Old Conference at Rutgers University
- Jonah Siegel: paper presenter at the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism and Its Legacy Conference in Bologna, Italy
- Henry S. Turner: keynote speaker for a conference at Arts and Humanities University of Manchester, organizer of the Humanities and Discourses Conference at Rutgers University
- Rebecca L. Walkowitz: invited speaker at Yale University, Harvard University, Columbia University, Texas A&M University, Drew University, and Penn State University; organizer of the Modernists Transnational Symposium at Rutgers University
- Edith L. Wang: invited speaker at Temple University and Williams University

This year, the university launched a publicity campaign—Jerry Roots, Global Reach—to celebrate contributions to knowledge and service made by our faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Just as Rutgers is everywhere, so too is Rutgers English. The influence and accomplishments of our faculty, students, and alumni are felt in Murray Hall, across the campus, and, indeed, worldwide.

Here are recent and forthcoming highlights:
- Junot Díaz (BA 1992) published The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, which was awarded the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2007 National Book Critics Circle Award for best novel.
- Richard E. Miller and Kurt Spellmeyer co-edited the third edition of The New Humanities Reader to teach a new generation of students about the history of the humanities and write critically about the enduring challenges and opportunities of our time.
- Nina Shuckley had two of her poems reproduced and featured in the Biko 50/50 Art Exhibition, which was shown in major cities in South Africa to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the death of anti-apartheid activist Stephen Bantu Biko.
- Michael McKeon taught a seminar at the Institut du Monde Arabe at the Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle to French graduate students specializing in English literary studies.
- Rutgers senior Matt Cortina and Virginia Tech senior Grant Cardozo—to founders of a nonprofit organization, Planting America, Inc.—planted across the country planting one million trees to promote social and environmental responsibility.
- Brad Evans worked on the restoration of photographer Edward Curtis’s 1914 silent film, In the Land of the Final Frontier, which will be screened this year at the Getty Research Institute, the Meyer Theater, the Field Museum, the National Gallery of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, and Rutgers University.
- Beginning in fall 2010, Cheryl A. Wafi will annually mentor two postdoctoral fellows conducting research in African American and African diaspora literary studies and prepare them for professional success.

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