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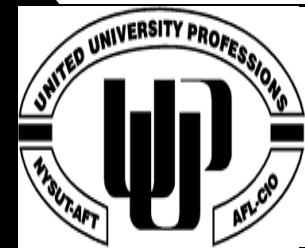
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# The Sentinel Extra

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*Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.* Henry David Thoreau

## Introducing *The Sentinel Extra*

*The Sentinel Extra* is a new publication of UUP Oneonta. It will appear periodically, in addition to and separate from *The Sentinel*. The award-winning *Sentinel* will remain on its regular publication schedule and continue to feature informative articles, notes of Labor-Management meetings, thoughtful editorials, illuminating photographs, and innovative features. Conversely, *The Sentinel Extra* will concentrate on disseminating materials about time-bound events and programs. Given the constraints of the calendar, *The Sentinel Extra*, while concise, will fill an important function in keeping UUPers informed between appearances of *The Sentinel*. So without further embellishment, here it is — the inaugural issue of *The Sentinel Extra*.

### ***Food for Thought / UUP Chapter Meeting: Thursday, 19 April 2007*** **at Noon, Le Café (Morris Conference Center)**

*By Bill Simons, Chapter President*



*Bill Simons and Assemblyman Peter Lopez*

The next *Food for Thought / UUP Chapter meeting* will be held in Le Café, Morris Conference Center, at noon on Thursday, 19 April 2007, and will feature a presentation by **Peter Lopez**, New York State Assembly member. Assemblyman Lopez will discuss higher education issues and the experiences of a freshman legislator. First elected to the New York State Assembly on November 7, 2006, he represents the 127<sup>th</sup> district which includes part of Otsego County. “The son a working class family,” notes Assemblyman Lopez’ official biography, “Pete scrubbed floors, stocked store shelves, baled hay and scraped fish.” The recipient of degrees from SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Albany, Assemblyman Lopez has served on both the

SUNY Cobleskill Foundation and the SUNY Cobleskill Alumni Association. His community service background encompasses youth soccer, Habitat for Humanity, and Bassett Healthcare. Questions and candid discussion will follow Assemblyman Lopez’s formal program.

Although *Food for Thought* has important content, it is also an occasion for respite from the workweek, relaxed collegiality, and fine food. Renew old ties and forge new ones by joining your colleagues in a convivial gathering and expression of solidarity. Your union looks forward to greeting you. For additional information or if you have questions, please contact UUP Oneonta President **Bill Simons** (x3498, [simonswn@oneonta.edu](mailto:simonswn@oneonta.edu)), VP for Academics **Rob Compton** (x3048, [comptorw@oneonta.edu](mailto:comptorw@oneonta.edu)), VP for Professionals **Norm Payne** (x2021, [paynene@oneonta.edu](mailto:paynene@oneonta.edu)), Secretary and Health & Safety Officer **Tom Horvath** (x3899, [horvattg@oneonta.edu](mailto:horvattg@oneonta.edu)), or Professional Delegate **Janie Forrest-Glotzer** (x2005, [forresjl@oneonta.edu](mailto:forresjl@oneonta.edu)).

## Student Research Day: Morris Conference Center Wednesday, 18 April 2007, 2:00–5:00 PM

By Nancy Cannon, UUP Academic Delegate and Member, College Senate Research Committee

The College at Oneonta's annual Student Research Day (SRD) will be held on Wednesday, 18 April 2007 from 2:00-5:00 PM. SRD provides an inviting setting to showcase one of our campus' most valued assets: original research conducted by undergraduate students in collaboration with supportive and accomplished faculty. This special event highlighting the excellent and diverse research of our students is free and open to all. Undergraduates will present their research in a variety of formats, including PowerPoint (computer displays) and posters. The keynote speech by College at Oneonta alumni Dr. John Scott (class of 1977), currently Vice President and Co-founder of Applied Psychological Techniques, Inc., will begin at 2:15 PM. SRD is sponsored by the College Senate Research Committee, the Grants Development Office and the College at Oneonta Foundation. The members of the College Senate Research Committee are: Dan Payne (Chair); Kim Muller, Thomas Beal, John Schaumloffel and Nancy Cannon. A major objective of the College Senate Research Committee is to encourage research and creative activity on this campus and to enhance that aspect of the educational mission of the College. The professionals of the Grants Development Office, Manager Kim Muller and Grants Writer Kathy Meeker, facilitate the arrangements for SRD. Funding for the Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity is provided by the College at Oneonta Foundation, made possible through charitable gifts and grants to the College. Kudos to the student presenters, the College Senate Research Committee, the Grants Development Office, the College at Oneonta Foundation, and UUP faculty sponsors. A communiqué from the Grants Development Office notes, "A brochure listing participants and presentation titles will be available in advance for distribution to the campus and general community. A program, including abstracts of the presentations, will be distributed at Student Research Day." Let's support our best and brightest students by attending Student Research Day and learning from, and taking pride in, their achievements.

## SUNY Oneonta, UUP, and the Bugbee Children's Center: Invitation to the Bugbee Bash

By Matthew Hendley, Oneonta UUPer and Member, Bugbee Children's Center Board of Directors

The SUCO Children's Center (now renamed the Bugbee Children's Center) is pleased to announce the kick-off of a major fundraising campaign, the goal of which is to raise \$500,000 over a five-year period to stabilize the financial position of the Center and to provide program enrichment. The campaign will be launched with a formal celebration entitled "The Bugbee Bash: Celebrating the Legacy" on Wednesday, 18 April 2007 at 5:00 PM at the Bugbee Children's Center in Bugbee Hall, located on State Street in Oneonta. The celebrations will include songs by children from the Center, light refreshments, tours of the Center, and exhibits on the



history of the Bugbee School (which was originally housed at Bugbee Hall) and the Children's Center. The Bugbee Children's Center has played, and continues to play, an important role in the lives of UUP members, other college employees, students, community members and their families. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the legacy and future of this important local institution. Please mark "The Bugbee Bash" on your calendar! All are welcome.

For more information about the event or the fundraising campaign, please contact Marie Petta, Director of the Bugbee Children's Center, at [childcenter@oneonta.edu](mailto:childcenter@oneonta.edu).

## Alex Thomas to Deliver Susan Sutton Smith Lecture Friday, 20 April 2007, Morris Conference Center

Dr. Alexander R. Thomas, Associate Professor and Chair of the Sociology Department, will deliver this year's Susan Sutton Smith Lecture on Friday, 20 April 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Morris Conference Center's Craven Lounge. Dr. Thomas' lecture entitled *The Other New York: A Look at the Issues Facing Upstate New York* is the culmination of several years of research examining various aspects of upstate New York's relationship with New York City and the global economy. After comparing and relating upstate and downstate New York, Dr. Thomas will confront myths about upstate decline and explore the reality. PowerPoint images will complement the lecture. A prolific scholar, Dr. Thomas' books include *Gilboa: New York's Quest for Water and the Destruction of an American Small Town* and *In Gotham's Shadow: Globalization and Community Change in Central New York*. His latest project, *What's Wrong with New York and How to Fix It*, in collaboration with Polly J. Smith and William Wilkerson, is scheduled for publication in 2008.



Dr. Thomas is an engaging and accomplished public speaker, able to render his research accessible, interesting, informative and significant to the general public. He has wide experience lecturing before diverse audiences, including the American Sociological Association, Cooperstown's Friends of the Village Library Series, the College at Oneonta Foundation, the New York State Sociological Association, and the International Conference on Law and Society.

Recipient of a Ph.D. degree from Northeastern University and a B.A. degree from Ohio State University, Dr. Thomas is a member of Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society). In addition to chairing the Sociology Department since 2003, his multifaceted service includes coordinating the Center for Social Science Research, co-designing the Criminal Justice Program, and serving on the UUP Labor-Management Grants Committee and the President's Commission on Freshman Engagement.

The Susan Sutton Smith Prize for Academic Excellence carries the name of the late and esteemed professor of English noted for her literary grace and teaching excellence. The Smith award, which includes a stipend, annually recognizes outstanding achievement in research, scholarship and/or art by a tenured faculty member.

The generosity of Dr. Thomas Smith and Mrs. Mary Smith allowed for the creation of this award, which honors the memory and perpetuates the legacy of their daughter. Dr. Alexander R. Thomas is the thirteenth recipient of the Susan Sutton Smith Prize.

All members of the College community and general public are invited to attend the free lecture, as well as a dessert reception which will precede Dr. Thomas' talk (at 7:00 PM). Questions and discussion will follow the presentation. Please share information about the Susan Sutton Smith Lecture with your students, colleagues, and other interested persons on campus and in the community.

