



***REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE***

TO: University Senate

FROM: Michael A. Bernstein, Professor of Business, Economics, and History  
Provost and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs

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***Patricia Malone to Assume Temporary Assignment in the School of Professional Development***

Patricia Malone, the Executive Director of Stony Brook's Center for Corporate Education and the Advanced Energy Training Institute, will take up temporary duties as the leader of the School of Professional Development (SPD). Pat's endeavors in corporate education have enabled our University to serve over 1000 professionals each academic year. Presenting nationally and internationally on the role of higher education in workforce and economic development, Pat has led numerous conferences with labor, education, and industry leaders -- including three U.S. Department of Labor National Transformational Forums. This past May, Pat launched the inaugural Women in STEM Leadership Program, and she has conducted numerous focus groups on gender equity, implicit bias, and fostering the rise of women in corporate leadership roles.

In 2009, Pat created the global award winning "Wall Street and Beyond" certificate program in collaboration with the Project Management Institute and the U.S. Green Building Council of Long Island. This effort assisted 2000 dislocated professionals in new job placement. She has stewarded clean energy, manufacturing, and aerospace labor market development projects for the New York State Department of Labor, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the New York Regional Economic Development Councils Opportunity Agenda. Pat is also the Long Island Director for Workforce for the new Manufacturing Extension Partnership (led by the U.S. Department of Commerce).

***Call for Nominations for the 2017-2018 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence***

The Chancellor's Awards for Excellence are system-level honors conferred to acknowledge and provide system-wide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence. These programs underscore SUNY's commitment to sustaining intellectual vibrancy, advancing the boundaries of knowledge, providing the highest quality of instruction, and serving the public good. Through these awards, SUNY publicly proclaims its pride in the accomplishments and personal dedication of its instructional faculty, librarians and professional staff across its campuses. The awards provide SUNY-wide recognition in five categories: Faculty Service, Librarianship, Professional Service, Scholarship and Creative Activities, and Teaching.

The nomination form only must be submitted electronically no later than Thursday, October 11, 2018. The completed nomination file must be received by Maureen Wozniak in the Provost's Office, 407 Administration, no later than Thursday, November 15, 2018. The nomination form and complete guidelines for preparing the nomination files are located at:

[https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/provost/resources/nomination\\_forms.php](https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/provost/resources/nomination_forms.php)

Please contact Maureen Wozniak at 631-632-7016 or at [maureen.wozniak@stonybrook.edu](mailto:maureen.wozniak@stonybrook.edu) if you should have any questions regarding the nomination forms or process.

### ***2019 Summer Online Teaching Initiative***

In order to provide more flexible and accessible instruction for our students and to facilitate faculty efforts to explore new teaching modes, the Office of the Provost has created the 2019 Summer Online Teaching Initiative. This program encourages faculty to offer online versions of existing courses, especially ones that have strong demand, support timely degree completion, and can serve a large number of students.

Details on the application process, faculty resources, and online course conversion options can be found at [stonybrook.edu/online/faculty/summer](http://stonybrook.edu/online/faculty/summer).

At any point, faculty are invited to consult with Associate Provost for Online Education Wendy Tang ([wendy.tang@stonybrook.edu](mailto:wendy.tang@stonybrook.edu)) or Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management Stefan Hyman ([stefan.hyman@stonybrook.edu](mailto:stefan.hyman@stonybrook.edu)).

Deadline to Apply: November 19, 2018

### ***October Provost's Lecture Series***

Breakpoint: Reckoning with America's Environmental Crises

*Friday, October 12, 7:30 pm, Earth and Space Sciences Lecture Hall 001*

Jeremy Jackson is Professor of Oceanography Emeritus at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Senior Scientist Emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution. He studies threats and solutions of human impacts on the environment and the ecology and evolution of tropical seas. Jackson is the author of more than 160 scientific publications and eleven books. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has received numerous prizes and awards including the BBVA International Prize in Ecology and Conservation, The Paleontological Medal, and the Darwin Medal of the International Society for Reef Studies. Jackson's work on the collapse of coastal ecosystems was chosen by *Discover* magazine as the outstanding scientific achievement of 2001. His new book *Breakpoint: Reckoning with America's Environmental Crises* appeared in April 2018.

*Abstract:* Jackson will discuss highlights from his new book with journalist Steve Chapple about major environmental challenges in America today due to climate change, mismanagement, and corruption and the highly encouraging practical solutions that are beginning to catch on. He will focus on American agriculture, drowning coasts, and the ways that climate change and extreme weather are exacerbating decades of chronic mismanagement of natural resources. The story begins in the vast Iowa GMO cornfields that produce mostly

ethanol no one needs at the expense of massive soil erosion, nutrient runoff, dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico and Great Lakes, and poisoned drinking water: then down to the Mississippi Delta and Louisiana coast that is disappearing underwater at the rate of a football field an hour so that New Orleans will be an island with terra firma far to the north. Chronic drought in the southwest, increasingly extreme flood rainstorms moving east, and stronger hurricanes threaten agricultural systems nationwide and coastal cities all along the East and Gulf Coasts. Jackson will discuss what to do to alleviate or adapt to most of these challenges and the resources to do so. The lecture will conclude with examples of local, state, and private sector initiatives that are beginning to turn things around in spite of the current political administration.

This event is co-sponsored by Living World Lecture – Science Open Nights, the Department of Ecology and Evolution, and the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences.

***Italy and East Asia: Exchanges and Parallels Conference***

Following a successful conference focused on Italy and China at the University of Toronto in 2016, Stony Brook University's Center for Italian Studies and the Confucius Institute in collaboration with the University of British Columbia, have organized a new conference centered on Italy and East Asia. "Italy and East Asia: Exchanges and Parallels" will take place October 11 through October 13 at the Charles B. Wang Center. Attendance at all proceedings is free and open to the public.

Many relationships exist between Italy and East Asia that have captured the attention of current English and Italian language scholarship. Through a wide ranging set of panels that will include presentations by international scholars from Asia, Canada, the United States and Western Europe, the conference will explore and assess what is at stake in the Italian-East Asian dialogue and expand existing research on issues relating to Italy and East Asia.

For more information and program details, visit [stonybrook.edu/italianstudies](http://stonybrook.edu/italianstudies).