



Bookstore Newsletter

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The new Starbucks One-Cup machine will make your own 12oz. coffee from the freshest Starbucks ground beans. You may choose a mild or bold brew or any one of the hot Tazo teas. Pay at any register with cash, credit, or your Bookstore Campus Account.

The machine is located in the University Bookstore near the atrium windows. Browse through some of our new and discounted book selections or have a seat and relax in the Campus Author Section. Go ahead; have a cup and relax in the newly renovated bookstore.



UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

Stony Brook University
Frank Melville Library
Stony Brook, NY 11794
stonybrook.edu/bookstore

CAMPUS AUTHOR EVENT STEPHEN SPECTOR Ph.D.



Professor Stephen Spector signing a book

Professor Stephen Spector, chair of Stony Brook University's English Department presented a dramatic read

by Lena Tumasyan

of excerpts from his latest book, "Operation Solomon: The Daring Rescue of the Ethiopian Jews," in a book signing event held on Wednesday, March 28th in the Javits room of the Melville Library.

The 2005 release of "Operation Solomon," an Oxford University publication and currently available at the University Bookstore, is the story of the struggle of African Jews in Ethiopia, to reach their homeland, Jerusalem. Because of their mixed identity, this particular population of Jews had to

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FACULTY "SPOTLIGHT" JOHN J. SHEA Ph.D.



Professor John Shea

Professor John J. Shea, an archaeologist with a PhD in Anthropology from Harvard University, has trav-

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eled to countries from Ethiopia to Israel but still feels a strong connection to the campus at Stony Brook.

He teaches courses on Paleolithic Archaeology and Lithic Technology, both to undergraduate and graduate students. In his Primitive Technology course, Professor Shea teaches students how to make spears, bows and fire. In other words, he teaches them the techniques of "Stone Age Survival." Of the different levels of his courses, he says: "I like the introductory courses because I get to show a lot of students that it's fun; in the upper courses I get to

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is Red Hot !

REMINDER TO FACULTY:

By the beginning of finals, send in your Spring order so students can get the most money for their books at text-book buy back.

Requisition Due Dates:

April 1st - Summer
April 15th - Fall

Requisitions are available from your Departmental Secretary, submit online:
www.stonybrook.edu/provostliasn/bookstore

For more information:
Call Reshma Patel
(631) 632-6614



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battle many adversities and suffer many deaths in their dramatic exodus to reach Jerusalem. The moving excerpts that Spector read from his book described their unique situation and amazing cleverness of Israeli government who helped as many of them as possible to reach Israel soil.

After the reading, Spector also gave a quick presentation of photos from the book and the event concluded with a book signing. The event was sponsored by the University Bookstore in conjunction with Melville Library Author Series.

“Operation Solomon” took eight years, over 200 interviews, a year in Israel (at the same time as he was teaching

there: 1996-1997), and major help from international organizations such as American Association for Ethiopian Jews (AAEJ), and advice of Brent Scowcroft, National Security Advisor under Bush Sr., to put together. “The book is a brilliant success,” Spector said of his interviewing process, “Everyone wanted the story to be told.” Dr. Spector currently teaches EGL 608: Relationship of Literature to other disciplines.

He is almost finished working on his next book about evangelical christian support of Israel and hopes to have it published by the end of summer. If you are interested in reserving a copy of this book, stop by the Bookstore or call Mark or Jay Ahgharian at 632-9747.

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show them that it’s fun and hard.” As the first person in his family to pursue a college education, Shea feels that connection with many of the students at Stony Brook. His courses provide a perfect setting for him to show students the indestructible tools he has created using his flintknapping skills, which have been featured on television documentaries like PBS’s “Evolution: The Mind’s Big Bang.”

Professor Shea’s research focuses primarily on the origin of modern humans. As an archaeologist, he is unique. A person who manufactures and makes use of primitive tools himself, Shea humbly says that “not many archeologists who study stone tools know how they’re made or used.” He studies stone tools by performing experiments with the tools he makes. Through this testing, he is able to figure out how they were used in the past. Upon his discovery of 1.5 million year old, mint-condition tools in Israel, Shea determined “how they

were made, what they did and how they came to be deposited where they were.” His knowledge and his use of the world around him allows him to understand the world of earlier modern humans.

Professor Shea carries this philosophy on archaeology into his teaching. It is this unique, hands-on experience that Professor Shea strives to give his students, saying that he “can teach them more in a week in the field than a semester in the classroom.” Two of his students actually helped to excavate the oldest known archaeological site associated with the remains of our species, *Homo sapiens*: Omo Kibish in Ethiopia, which is an astonishing 195,000 years old. A field school is starting in Kenya so that Shea will be able to share this experience with many more students. His work here at Stony Brook and in the field will continue to teach students to use their own knowledge of the present to decipher the past.

“FACULTY REQUESTS” LET ME HEAR YOUR INPUT!

I have been made aware that some faculty members have found it difficult to obtain desk copies of the textbooks that they use in the classes they are teaching.

The Bookstore staff provides all departmental administrative assistants with information to contact the publishers and request desk copies on behalf of their faculty members. This information is distributed towards the start of every semester when the Bookstore Staff brings and distributes reminder notices and preprinted Course Book Information Requests for the following semester to individual departments.

Although it is not a contractually mandatory service, the Bookstore staff does try to assist faculty members in obtaining desk copies for early and on-time course book information requests, but only upon request.

Please feel free to contact me if you experience difficulty or you require my assistance in obtaining these Desk Copies. I would be happy help. Please let me hear your input on any subjects related to the University Bookstore. **Deborah DiFranco**
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PUBLISHER'S FAIR REVIEW

Faculty and publishers had the opportunity to meet at the Publisher's Fair, an event sponsored by University Bookstore, on March 21st at the Wang Center. The building lent a sophisticated yet harmonious atmosphere for the event that featured nine companies, ranging from leading publisher Prentice Hall to custom publisher XanEdu. The turnout was successful; the event is only in its second year but has already grown noticeably.

The publishers had textbooks on display and were available to provide information about editions and availability. A Thomson Learning representative was one of many who



Cathy Pacheco, Bookstore Manager and Jackie Keltz, Bookstore Best Seller

voiced awe at the flow of interested professors. Only halfway through the fair, the math and science representative said that “three or four requests are great and I already have ten, plus numbers for my colleagues in art and history.” Faculty was appreciative of the ease of making intimate contact with publishers during Campus Life Time.

Next year's 3rd Annual Publishers Fair is expected to have representatives in an even greater variety of fields. Watch for your invitations from the Bookstore. Be sure not to miss the opportunity to see your textbooks and publishers right here on campus!

by Martina Robotham



STONY BROOK
SOUTHAMPTON

THE PHILOSOPHY:

The campus will operate around issues related to environmental sustainability, public policy and natural resource management.

“Green” buildings will be constructed. On-campus wind turbines will help harness energy.

Faculty and students will plant gardens of organic foods and buy supplies locally.

*An educational experience
with the goal of
sustainability in mind*

The admission goals for the first class of matriculated students at Stony Brook Southampton this Fall are 200 new freshman, 200 transfer students from the Stony Brook campus and 50 transfer students from other institutions. If you know of any students who would be interested in being part of the Stony Brook Southampton experience, more information can be obtained at

SouthamptonAdvisement@stonybrook.edu

For updates on happenings at Stony Brook's newest campus, check with the Bookstore's informational display.

“ALL ABOUT STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON”

This month: Admission info on **The Annual Southampton Writers Conference**
July 18-29, 2007

Apply to take part in workshops, lectures and discussions on the craft of writing with first rank authors and faculty at Stony Brook's newest campus.
www.stonybrook.edu/writers

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 Saturday - 12 pm to 4 pm
 Sunday - **CLOSED**

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COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

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| May 11: All cap and gown rentals will be delivered to the Bookstore. | May 18: Commencement, Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium, 11am. Department ceremonies spread out throughout the day. |
| May 14: Cap and gown vendor at the Bookstore distributing orders, 11am to 3pm. After May 14, faculty can pick up their orders during regular hours. | May 18: Commencement Festival outside the Stadium, 12:30pm – 2:30pm |
| May 17: Faculty are encouraged to attend the Baccalaureate Honors Convocation, 7:00pm, Main Stage, Staller Center. | All rentals should be returned to the Bookstore promptly after the commencement ceremonies, but no later than Wednesday, May 24th |

Faculty Gown Rentals

West Campus faculty can receive a complimentary cap and gown rental, courtesy of the Provost's Office to walk in the May Commencement Ceremonies. Orders can be taken by the Bookstore over the phone or in person at the store using the same form as last year, just change the PO at the time the order is taken. West campus PO# is 431928. All other rentals are \$54.98.

Ph.D. Rentals are as follows:

\$112.50 – Full Package • \$64.00 – Gown Only
\$15.50 – Tam Only • \$33.00 – Hood Only

University Events

May 2

Strawberry Festival

Academic Mall, 11-2pm. Enjoy fresh strawberries, live music and a cultural celebration in the sun in conjunction with **DIVERSITY DAY**

May 3

The Triangle Project:

Journey of the Dandelion

Concert - 7-8pm and Workshop 8:15 - 10:30pm
 Wang Center
 Free for students
 General Admission \$15

May 5

Sakura Matsuri

Cherry Blossom Festival

12 - 5pm

Music and Dance Performances and Cultural Events
 Wang Center

\$10 General Admission

May 9

11th Annual Cody Comedy Festival

for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
 631.444.2899

STALLER CENTER

May 2

Jazz Combos - Recital Hall

May 5

Senior Art Show
 7-9pm (until 5/16 at University Art Gallery)

May 6

Lazer Vaudeville
 Main Stage \$10



FACULTY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

University Auxiliary Services