

# What's Up @ Widener

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## Don't forget:

- President's Lecture, Dr. Mara Parker**  
 Wed, Oct 4  
 noon, Webb Room
- Poet John Hoppenthaler**  
 Tuesday, Oct 3  
 4:00pm, Webb Room
- CHOICES Career Fair, hosted by CAPS**  
 Tuesday, Oct 3  
 11:00am - 2:30 pm, UC

## Meet Ann Woolford-Singh

*Meet Ann Woolford-Singh, the newest member of the Widener community.*

Ann has been awarded a fellowship through ACE, the American Council on Education. ACE fellowships are designed to prepare future senior leaders in higher education. After a rigorous application process, 35-40 candidates are chosen. In 2006, Ann was among the 37 fellows awarded the honor.

The fellowship allowed Ann to choose any college or university in the nation to spend one year learning from the executive team, faculty, staff and students. Ann chose Widener based on the reputation of its president, James Harris, and Widener's mission. In



addition, Jo Allen, Provost, is among the list of former ACE Fellows and is a testament to the program's ability to train and guide individuals for their future roles.

During her time at Widener, Ann will shadow President Harris and gain a full understanding of his

day-to-day responsibilities. She will acquaint herself with the different responsibilities of college leadership, including advancement, budget development, and enrollment management. Throughout the year, Ann will assess her own strengths and weaknesses, and identify ways to improve as a leader.

Ann is a native of Guyana, South America, but has lived in the U.S. for over 30 yrs. She resides in Virginia Beach, VA, and has a BA and MA in English and a Ph.D. in higher education leadership. Ann serves as Dean of the Languages and Speech Division at Tidewater Community College, a four-campus community college serving over 37,000 students.

## Pennsylvania Military College Museum Now Open on Saturdays this Fall

Widener's Pennsylvania Military College Museum showcases the history of Widener's predecessor institution. The museum's permanent collection includes cadet uniforms, memorabilia, and an impressive timeline display depicting the school's events from as early as the Civil War.

The PMC Museum is located in Widener's Alumni Auditorium and is open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. through Dec 9 (excluding November 25). Admission is free. For more information, contact Rebecca Warda, collections manager, at 610-499-1189.

## Distinguished Lecture in Health Law Returns for Discussion about Torts in a post 9/11 World

The Widener University School of Law is pleased to announce George W. Conk, Esq. will deliver the second-annual Raynes McCarty Distinguished Lecture in Health Law on Widener's Delaware campus and at the Union League in Philadelphia, both on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Conk is managing partner at Tulipan and Conk, P.C. in South Orange, N.J. and serves as an adjunct faculty member at Fordham Law School. His lecture, "Will the post 9/11 world be a post-tort world?" is expected to explore three areas. Those include:

- The compensation fund for relatives of 9/11 victims, which required families who accepted the money to release the airlines from liability.

- Reactions to anthrax attacks and the smallpox campaign of 2003, including legislated immunity for those that administered the smallpox vaccine and limited compensation for civilians who volunteered to take the vaccine.
- Ground-zero workers and their respiratory injury claims.

Conk will first give the lecture during a luncheon event at the Union League, 140 S. Broad Street in Philadelphia. The luncheon begins at noon and the lecture starts at 12:30 p.m. He will repeat it that day for the law school community at 4 p.m. in the Ruby R. Vale Moot Courtroom on the Delaware campus.

*Dr. Bruce Grant discussed how scientific teaching can mitigate students' misconceptions about ecology, evolution, and scientific thinking in introductory biology.*

## Dr. Bruce Grant Spoke at BES Meeting in the UK

Dr. Bruce Grant recently attended the British Ecological Society (BES) Annual Meeting in Sept 2006 at the University of Oxford.

Dr. David Slingsby, the Chair of the B.E.S Education, Training and Careers Committee, invited Dr. Grant to speak on

"Research and Research Priorities in Teaching Ecology."

Dr. Grant's presentation was titled: "*Evidence-Based 'Scientific' Teaching - A New Paradigm for Undergraduate Ecology Education.*" It focused on evidence-based 'scientific' teaching, in which

faculty apply the scientific method to measure the effects of teaching on student learning. His talk showed how scientific teaching can mitigate students' misconceptions about ecology, evolution, and scientific thinking in introductory biology.

## President's Lecture: Dr. Mara Parker

Dr. Mara Parker, Associate Professor of Musicology and String Performance, will deliver the 47th President's Lecture on Wednesday, October 4 at noon in the Webb Room of University Center.

Dr. Parker's lecture titled, *Carlo Graziani: An Eighteenth Century Musician*, examines the life and times of the typical eighteenth century orchestral musician and focuses on the employment style shifts prevalent at that time in his-

tory. The lecture will include a discussion of Graziani's life as he moved from his native Asti to Paris, London, and finally to Berlin while adapting himself to current settings depending on the location and the opportunities available.

There will be a reception at 11:30 prior to the lecture and light refreshments will be served. The entire Widener community is invited to attend.

## Men's Soccer's Rally Falls Short in 2-1 Loss to Susquehanna

Widener fought hard and posted a decisive shots edge, but a second-half goal from freshman Justin

McCall was not enough in a 2-1 Commonwealth Conference loss to Susquehanna at Leslie C. Quick Jr. Stadium on Sept 30.

The Pioneers (4-5-1, 2-1 CC), atop the league's standings at the start, gained a 7-4 shots advantage in the first half. But that did not prevent Justin



Maker from scoring in the 11th and 20th minutes, giving the Crusaders (5-3-1, 2-1) a 2-0 lead. Matt Gawlas assisted on the second tally.

McCall found the back of the net in the 68th minute for Widener to make it 2-1 off a pass from senior William James, the reigning

conference Player of the Week. That occurred during a second half which the Pioneers notched a 9-3 shots edge for a 16-7 final.

James ended with five shots and senior Travis Jones totaled four for Widener. Freshman Marty Squicciarini ended with five saves.

*For complete sports coverage, visit the Athletics page on [www.widener.edu/athletics](http://www.widener.edu/athletics), or click here.*

## Spotlight on Jamie Schild

**Senior Jamie Schild, coming off a career day for Widener, was named Middle Atlantic Conference Football Offensive Player of the Week.**

Schild tied the school record Saturday with four touchdown receptions in Widener's 31-14 victory over Lebanon Valley. The scores marked Schild's only catches of the game as he closed with a career-best 173 receiving yards, propelling Widener (1-2, 1-2 MAC) to its 13th victory in the last 14 meetings with Lebanon Valley.



Schild leads the team with 11 catches for 214 yards, is tops in the league with four touchdowns and is second in the conference with 71.3 yards per game.

A standout academically, Schild owns a 3.605 grade-point average in Civil Engineering and in 2005 was named first team Academic All-America as a member of the baseball team. Last spring, the second baseman was named first team Academic All-District 2 as well as first team All-Commonwealth Conference

after batting .338 with 34 RBI and a .547 slugging percentage.

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## Just Neighbors Program

Widener students and staff have been supporters of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for over four years, as a member institution of the Delaware County Assesst Development Group.

Many of the needs of the program are immediate: understanding the target population, recruiting volunteers from college campuses, the community, and local employers, and per-

forming outreach functions to encourage the low income community to use free VITA sites to have their taxes prepared rather than using a paid preparer for the same service.

"JUST NEIGHBORS" is a 5-part series that elaborates on the need for such a service in the community and the role of the tax preparer in facilitating the quest for financial literacy. See below for more details on up-

coming sessions.

Attendance is not mandatory, but anyone is welcome to come to any one of the sessions (or the remaining 4) and bring a friend. (Very) light refreshments are served.

Although Just Neighbors serves as an orientation to VITA, there is absolutely no obligation to sign up to volunteer as a tax preparer after attending these sessions.

### Fall 2006 Session topics and dates

**Mon 10/9**

**12 PM**

**Univ. Center  
Room B**

**Sat 10/21**

**11-2 PM**

**w/ Swarthmore**

#### Session 2: Making Ends Meet

Experience the constant financial juggling act of living in poverty. See a family trying to make ends meet and then try to balance their budget, facing the painful financial decisions that low-income families make daily.

#### Session 3: Does Working Work?

Full-time employment does not guarantee a climb out of poverty. Step into the lives of three working families and experience how trends and changes in employment affect the working poor.

**Mon 11/6**

**12 PM**

**Univ. Center  
Room B**

**Sat 11/18**

**11-2 PM**

**w/ Swarthmore**

#### Session 4: Housing Matters

Learn about the journey of low-income families searching for affordable housing. Examine the nation's housing crisis and myths about housing. Experience community responses and the outcomes of successful housing initiatives.

#### Session 5: Prejudice, Privilege, and Poverty

Examine the relationship between race and poverty through a thought-provoking video. Consider how race relations and public policy limit educational, employment, and economic opportunities. Participants take on the roles of people of varying economic status to grapple with the ways that current economic trends impact themselves and others.

*Special Guest Facilitators: Dr. Marcine Pickron-Davis, Widener University and Patricia James\*, Swarthmore College*

## In the News

**Widener University** was named as the sponsor of the **Third Annual Riverfront Ramble** in Chester in the **Town Talk** on Sept 6.

**English professor Janine Utell** was noted in the **Town Talk** on Sept 13. She will lead the "Books on Screen" program sponsored by the Ridley Township Public Library.

Public telescope nights held at Widener's Observatory in Kirkbride Hall were noted in the **Town Talk** on Sept 6. Under the guidance of **Dr. Harry Augensen, Associate Dean of Science**, astronomy professors and assisted by undergraduate students, visitors are give a "tour" of the sky.

**Widener Volunteers** were mentioned in the **Delco Daily Times** on Sept 8 for their participation in the Mayor Wendell N. Butler's **4th Annual Citywide Clean-Up** in Chester.



**Gail Rowe**  
Assistant Registrar

## FACES of WIDENER

While currently devoting much of her time to classroom scheduling for the upcoming year, Mrs. Gail Rowe, Assistant Registrar, took a moment to talk about her experiences at Widener. In September of 2006, Gail celebrated her 16<sup>th</sup> year of employment with the university. However, she is not the only member of her family to have an affiliation with Widener. Not only did her four children attend the university, but also her husband, Alan, who teaches in the Math Department and is a former university basketball

coach. It is easy to understand why one of her favorite Widener memories was watching the basketball team make it to the final four twice – once when her son was a senior on the team and once when her husband was coaching.

However, Gail explained the best part about working for Widener is the contact with students and faculty. She enjoys the interaction with everyone at the university and the opportunity to learn something new everyday. From her perspective, Widener is going

in the right direction and developing an environment that is great for the community, staff and students.

When Gail is not working as Assistant Registrar, she enjoys watching college basketball. She attends the final four every year. Moreover, she attended the basketball game that inspired the current movie *Glory Road*. As much as she enjoys basketball, Gail also treasures the time she spends with her children and six grandchildren.

## Are you familiar with Public Transportation Routes from Philadelphia to the Chester Campus?

Every one on campus should be able to answer the question, "How do I get to Widener via public transportation from Philadelphia?"

Sandy Smith, Writer/Reporter in University Relations, has provided directions that answer this question. Familiarizing yourself with these directions, or printing them out can be very beneficial in the event you are asked this question.

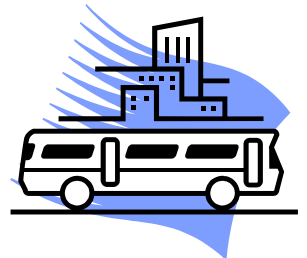
The two fastest ways to get to and from the campus on public transportation are:

1a. R3 Media/Elwyn Regional Rail line to Swarthmore station, then the Route 109 Chester bus to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Providence Avenue.

1b. R2 Marcus Hook/Wilmington/Newark Regional Rail line to Chester station, then the Route 109 69<sup>th</sup> Street Terminal bus to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Providence Avenue.

(The latter route is not recommended at

night. Total travel time via either of these routes is 55-60 minutes, including wait time for transfers.)



The alternatives are:

2. Market-Frankford Line to 69<sup>th</sup> Street Terminal, then the Route 109 Chester bus to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Providence Avenue. (This option is the only one available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.)

3. Market-Frankford Line to 69<sup>th</sup> Street Terminal, then the Route 113 Marcus Hook bus to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Melrose Avenue (Metropolitan Hall) or 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Melrose Avenue (Old Main and the Freshman Quads).

(Total travel time via either of these routes is 1:15 to 1:25, including wait time for transfers)