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PROFESSOR TAPPED FOR GLOBAL RESEARCH PANEL

Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue appointed to World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council On Advanced Manufacturing

Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y. – Professor Jean-Paul Rodrigue, whose research focuses on economic and transportation geography and trade issues, has been recognized for his expertise by the [World Economic Forum](#), which has appointed him to its Global Agenda Council on Advanced Manufacturing 2011.

Dr. Rodrigue, a Global Studies and Geography professor, will serve a one-year term on the council, which brings together leading experts from business, government and education to generate creative ideas to tackle the increasingly complex challenges of post-industrial global manufacturing. The panel will act as an advisory group to the World Economic Forum, and participate in the 2011 Summit on the Global Agenda in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in October.

The World Economic Forum is a not-for-profit independent, international organization based in Geneva, Switzerland best known for its annual meeting in Davos, a mountain resort in the Alps, that brings together business leaders, international political leaders, academics and journalists to discuss and shape global economic, social and political policies. In 2008, the World Economic Forum created the Global Agenda Councils network to target specific issues.

Dr. Rodrigue has been on the faculty at Hofstra since 1999, and has served as chairman of the Transport Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers. He has conducted research on transport systems and logistics, global supply chains and production networks, urban regions, and international trade and regional development.

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Hofstra Gets 'Green' Ranking

Princeton Review recognizes Hofstra for 2nd year in Guide to Green Colleges

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY – Hofstra University has been included in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges*; a 220-page free guide that profiles 308 colleges/universities in the U.S. and Canada that are committed to sustainability, both inside and outside of the classroom. Hofstra was recognized last year in the first edition of this guide. Download the new edition for free at <http://www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.aspx>.

Hofstra's 240 acres provide a beautiful campus setting that inspires and motivates its students. The Hofstra campus is a member in good standing of the American Public Gardens Association, one of only 430 arboreta in the United States. Today, more than 12,000 evergreen and deciduous trees represent 625 species and varieties, and the number is increasing every year.

Hofstra began instituting green measures, originally called energy conservation measures, as far back as 1985. The most notable initiative was the construction of the cogeneration facility in 1990. Hofstra produces approximately 25% of the electricity used on campus. More recent initiatives include campus-wide mixed paper recycling, active recycling in the large dining facilities, purchase of electric vans, installation of solar arrays on Rensselaer House, the installation of LED lighting and bottle fill stations in the dining facilities and dormitories.

Sustainability Studies

Hofstra has shown its commitment and is now going one step further with the recent hiring of a director for sustainability studies, Dr. Robert Brinkmann. "Our students need to be ready to go out into the job market with knowledge of sustainability," said Teresa A. Greis, campus sustainability officer. "They need to have hands on experiences that they can get by joining campus organizations such as 'Student for a Greener Hofstra,' or by working with the Department of Sustainability or by choosing to live in the 'Living Green' residence hall. Students can make a difference both locally and globally when given the knowledge and opportunities. Hofstra provides that by leading by example."

Freecycle

As the spring 2011 semester concluded, Hofstra University launched a new environmental initiative called "Freecycle" – an exchange program in which students can donate unwanted items from their rooms that can be claimed by their classmates at the start of the fall semester. The new program is aimed at reducing Hofstra's trash stream while saving students money furnishing their dorm rooms.

"We're really proud of this new initiative," said Ms. Greis. "This is a positive service for students that has been very successful on other campuses and is a continuation of our commitment to reduce Hofstra's carbon footprint while raising awareness about the environment."

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In July the Department was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Masaharu (George) Inaba, who taught geography at Hofstra from 1960-1991. The Department owes him a great debt for keeping the flame of geography alive at Hofstra during the difficult times during the 1970s and 1980s. Dr Inaba's family will be creating a scholarship in his name to help enable deserving students to major in the Department.

Dr. Kari Jensen reports on a busy summer doing research in Bangladesh and Norway

I had an exciting and extraordinarily busy spring semester 2011. When the semester started, I had just returned from a research trip to Bangladesh where I explored ways to curb the migration of children from villages into the cities for work. While in Dhaka, I also got a chance to give a guest lecture for both Bangladeshi and American students at the Independent University of Bangladesh, one of the best universities in the country. In addition to teaching three classes in my spring semester at Hofstra, I supervised one honors essay, two internships (one local and one international), and two individual reading courses. It was also a pleasure to be the faculty contact person for the Get Global student club, as we finally succeeded in getting the club registered with the SGA and carried out several interesting meetings and activities, such as selling Fair Trade chocolates. At the annual conference of the Association of American Geographers, this time organized in Seattle, I presented preliminary findings from my ongoing research project on multicultural young people and identity formation, where I am still in the process of conducting in-depth interviews with young women and men who have been raised by one or two parents from South Asia. During the spring semester I interviewed people living here in New York, and during the summer I interviewed people in Oslo, Norway. Sadly, while I was there the bombing and mass killings happened. Since the man who carried out the crime was a right-wing Christian fundamentalist opposing immigration to Norway, it was a weird time of trying to understand the issues and challenges faced by multicultural people and societies.

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I had a very busy year finishing up my duties as a faculty member at the University of South Florida and am pleased to be the new Director of Sustainability Studies at Hofstra University. I am really excited to be a member of the Department of Global Studies and Geography and I am also looking forward to working with the National Center for Suburban Studies.

In addition to moving, I am in the midst of co-editing a special issue on karst and sustainability for the *Journal of Cave and Karst Studies*. Karst landscapes, or the landscapes of limestone terrains, are rarely examined as a uniform landscape. I have a book chapter coming out on karst and sustainability with my former Ph.D. student, Sandra Garren. In addition, I have an article under review on the development of a karst sustainability index with my colleagues from USF, Phil van Beynen and Kaya Townsend. I also had an article accepted in the journal, *Energy Policy*. The lead author of that article is my former graduate student, Sandra Garren and Abdul Pinjari is also a co-author. I also wrote an article (again with former graduate student Sandra Garren) on the state of U.S. climate change policy that will be coming out this year in a special issue of *Portal: Global Climate Change and Post Copenhagen Discord*.

This spring, I was elected the Vice-Chair of the Board of the National Cave and Karst Institute (NCKRI). I had a great trip out to NCKRI Headquarters for the opening of their new building in Carlsbad, New Mexico. NCKRI has an amazing new green building that includes a bat roost.

I also started a new sustainability blog as part of a course project with my students. Check it out! It is www.bobbrinkmann.blogspot.com In the coming months, I will be working with a variety of stakeholders at Hofstra to develop the new sustainability undergraduate and masters program. If anyone has any suggestions, I would love to hear them. Please contact me at Robert.brinkmann@hofstra.edu

Hofstra appoints Director of Sustainability Studies, plans multi-disciplinary degree program

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Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y. – Hofstra University has appointed Dr. Robert Brinkmann as its first Director of Sustainability Studies, who will draw from the university's strengths in global studies, geography and suburban studies to develop a multi-disciplinary degree program examining social, ecological and environmental resource management.

Brinkmann, currently a professor of geography at the University of South Florida in Tampa, will deliver the keynote address for Hofstra's Earth Week celebrations outlining his vision of sustainability – *“Gaseous, Green and Gated: Sustainability in Suburbia”* -- on **Wednesday, April 13, 2011**. The lecture begins at **2:55 p.m. in Plaza Room West, Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus**. All Earth Week event, sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement, are free and open to the public.

Dr. Brinkmann said he hopes to build a program that focuses on the unique challenges to creating sustainable suburbs. “Surrounding our campus, we have a laboratory, America’s first suburb,” Dr. Brinkmann said, noting that sustainability issues “such as energy, water, land-use planning ... are much tougher in the suburbs” because government is decentralized, and jurisdiction is often shared by jumble of municipal entities. “The context of the suburbs is one that has largely been left behind so far in sustainability studies.”

Former chairman of USF’s Department of Geography, Dr. Brinkmann led a variety of community sustainability projects during his tenure there, including a project in which he and his students worked with the city of Clearwater, Florida, to develop a greenhouse gas inventory for the city and examining building codes to evaluate how they could be revised to improve energy efficiency.

Brinkmann will join Hofstra’s faculty as a member of the Global Studies and Geography Department on Sept. 1, 2011 and begin developing undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and an undergraduate minor in Sustainability Studies. The University plans to launch its undergraduate sustainability degree and minor programs in Fall 2012.

“I have no doubt that Sustainability Studies will attract new students to Hofstra,” said Dr. Grant Saff, chairman of the Global Studies and Geography Department.

Hofstra’s Sustainability Studies program will leverage the resources of its Global Studies and Geography Department, the highly regarded National Center for Suburban Studies, and new programs in Urban Ecology to create a distinctive

approach to this emerging field of study, said Dr. Herman Berliner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

“Hofstra is well-positioned to become a national leader in Sustainability Studies,” Dr. Berliner said, “while continuing our commitment to addressing those local issues that are vital to the region’s future.”

Although details of the new program take shape over the next year, Brinkmann envisions offering two tracks for both undergraduate and graduate students – one with an emphasis on social sciences and the other focusing more on the natural sciences. In addition, he wants the program to provide support for students who are aspiring ‘green’ entrepreneurs.

“There’s huge growth in green jobs all over the country and the world but my goal is not just to produce students who can work for companies and institutions dealing with sustainability issues, “ Dr. Brinkmann said, “but to produce students who would be entrepreneurs and transform our culture through their own innovations.”

The Sustainability Studies initiative was made possible in part by a gift from Robert Catell, former chairman of National Grid USA. “I can’t think of a better investment than teaching a new generation how to build the next economy in a way that protects our natural and human resources,” Catell said.

A companion sustainability research program is already underway with the National Center for Suburban Studies® at Hofstra University (NCSS), including plans to host an academic conference.

“Long Island and the rest of the nation’s suburbs – where the majority of people now live, are the centers of dynamic change,” said Lawrence Levy, executive dean of the NCSS. “Many of these suburbs are encountering serious urban-like problems beyond our experience and current resources to deal with, so sustainability isn’t just a buzz word, it’s a watchword for survival.”