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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR  
ANNUAL PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE**

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College’s Philosophy Department will present its Annual Spring Conference on May 8, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Mildred Green Room in the Babylon Student Center on the Ammerman Campus in Selden. The conference will explore the works of *William James and American Pragmatism*.

The Philosophy Department began holding its Spring Conference in 1997, as a tribute to the widely respected and internationally known New York philosopher, Marx Wartofsky. The event drew an enthusiastic audience of students, faculty and community members from across the metropolitan area and became an annual event. Each year the conference features top philosophers and other academics from the humanities and science fields.

“The topic this year is especially fitting as SCCC celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary,” said Dr. Lowell Kleiman, Professor of Philosophy at the College. “The pragmatists, William James, Charles Pierce, and especially John Dewey, heralded the democratization of education which was a tremendous force behind the community college movement.”

Vincent Colapietro, Liberal Arts Research Professor of Philosophy at Penn State University, will lead the morning session, followed in the afternoon by Charlene Haddock Seigfried, Professor of Philosophy and the American Studies Program at Purdue University.

Professor Colapietro has published widely in American Studies, most recently “Engaged Fallibilism: Between Alterity and Sociality” in *The Pragmatic Century: Conversations with Richard J. Bernstein* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2006), “Toward a Pragmatic Conception of Practical identity” [Presidential Address to the Charles S. Peirce Society].

Charlene Haddock Seigfried is well known for bringing a feminist perspective to the study of Pragmatism. Recent publications include, *Feminist Interpretations of John Dewey*. Ed., Re-Reading the Canon series, University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2002; *Pragmatism and Feminism: Reweaving the Social Fabric*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996; "Is James Still Too Radical for Pragmatic Recognition?" *William James Studies*, 1:1(2006).

The conference is open to the general public. For additional information, please call 631-451-4093.

**About Suffolk County Community College**

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling more than 25,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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