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Monday - 8:15am to 6pm
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 Saturday - 12:00pm to 4 pm
 Sunday - CLOSED

Bookstore website:

www.sunysb.bkstore.com
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bookstore@stonybrook.edu

CAMPUS LIFETIME BOOKSTORE EVENTS

Wednesdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm in the University Bookstore

Light refreshments will be served.

November 5: Poetry Reading

Joan Gumbs from International Services will be reading short stories and poetry.

November 12: Palm Reading

Kaneez will be speaking on the art of palm reading and perform mini-readings for audience members.

November 19: Book Presentation

Professor Christopher J. Gallagher, MD, will present on his newest book "Cool Things Happen When You Speak a Foreign Language."

December 3: Classical Indian Music

Aruna Sharma, PhD, a professor for the Asian and Asian-American Studies Department will be performing songs.

The University's common hour, Campus Lifetime, is the perfect opportunity for us to come together as a community.

Call Boon Teo at 632-6551 to request a date to share your talents and passions with the campus.

University Events

Thursday, November 6

Music on an Autumn Night
 Staller Center Recital Hall

8:00pm

Order tickets at

<https://www.staller.sunysb.edu/forms/orders08.html>

Saturday, November 8

Meditation Workshop/Dharma Sharing
 Wang Center, Room 301

9:00am-2:30pm

Free for students, register by e-mailing

haideelee@yahoo.com

Saturday, November 15

Seawolves Football
 vs. VMI

LaValle Stadium

3:30pm

Saturday, December 6

Tellabration 2008: Tales from Asia
 Wang Center Chapel

3:00pm

Free admission



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



Remember ... the Textbook Requisition Deadlines

The earlier the adoptions, the more money given back to students, and the more used books on shelves!

SUMMER SESSIONS

April 1st

FALL SEMESTERS

April 15th

WINTER SESSIONS

August 1st

SPRING SEMESTERS

October 15th

Submit your requisitions online at
<http://notes.cc.sunysb.edu/FSA/textord.nsf>
 or
 by e-mailing
Bookstore@stonybrook.edu



STAFF FEATURE ON ELAINE LARSEN, UNDERGRADUATE PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY



Elaine Larsen, Assistant to the Director

Elaine Larsen, the Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Physics and Astronomy,

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works with students, faculty, staff, and the University Bookstore to ensure that textbook requisitions are placed in a timely fashion. This way, undergraduate and graduate students have their textbooks available for purchase before the start of each semester and receive the highest buy-back rates. She also deals with many other aspects of the undergraduate program. An important part of her duties is to ensure that students receive appropriate advice on their course enrollment, and are able to register for the physics and/or astronomy courses they need.

Elaine has been working on the Stony Brook campus since 1981, when she was hired as a stenographer-typist. Although her responsibilities and job titles have changed over

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ON LISA DIEDRICH, PHD IN WOMEN'S STUDIES



Professor Lisa Diedrich, PhD

Lisa Diedrich, a professor in Women's Studies, also has a degree in

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International Relations, an MA from England, and has taught English to students in Japan. With her diverse background, Diedrich enriches the classroom and encourages her students to learn from all perspectives.

Diedrich currently teaches both core courses and graduate courses for the Women's Studies Department. Most of her courses encompass much more than a single subject. One course she teaches focuses on both Women's Health and Global Science; another one studies various "Cultures of Disability."

From these courses, Diedrich hopes her students will learn to "challenge some taken for granted ideas they have about

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Autumn Festival

Wednesday
November 19

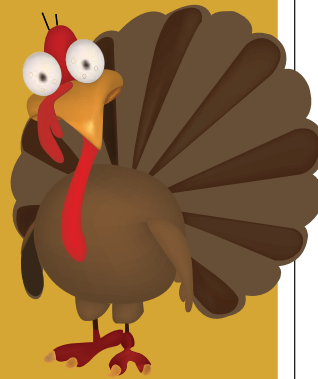
12:30- pm 2:30 pm
Stony Brook Union

Menu

Turkey Leg or
Vegetarian Option
Baked Sweet Potato
Pumpkin Soup
Hot Apple Cider
Roasted Corn
Filtered Water

Live DJ

Campus Community
Activities Fair



Tickets: \$5.75

Winter Session 2009

Join us for our
3rd ANNUAL
HOT CIDER &
COOKIE EVENT

Tuesday, January 6
through
Friday, January 9

in the Bookstore
all day during the first
week of classes.

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the years, along with the technology used on campus, Elaine says that textbook orders have been on her desk since the very beginning. The process of ordering textbooks begins with the faculty. Elaine works with them to choose the appropriate books for their courses. When changes are in order or additional materials are needed, Elaine contacts or meets with the publishers' textbook representatives. Diane Diaferia, who joined the department in January of this year, will be taking over this process. She initially began working with graduate admissions, and has been learning aspects of both the graduate and undergraduate programs.

In addition to encouraging faculty to use the online textbook requisition forms instead of the original paper forms, Elaine's duties with course registrations have also evolved, due to the introduction of the SOLAR System and PeopleSoft. She sees undergraduate students more often

in recent years because they need help troubleshooting when the system fails to allow them into a certain course. Elaine gets the most satisfaction from dealing with these students and resolving their enrollment issues. "I hope that at least nine times out of ten," Larsen says, "students leave the office with a seat in the class they wanted, and their questions answered."

Diane Diaferia admiringly calls Larsen "patient and respectful," and says that she treats each student who walks in "like they are the first person that has been in all day." Of her own successes, however, Elaine is modest. She humbly credits her friendly, encouraging department for allowing her to advance to this professional role, but it is Larsen's own hard work and genuine concern for students that have brought her to where she is today.

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gender, sex, race, and class." To challenge her students, she teaches them to look at topics through an interdisciplinary approach. She encourages them to see gender through multiple lenses, including history, literature, biology, and art. Her students, and Diedrich herself, learn from each other as well. "The students at Stony Brook come from all different cultures, communities, ethnicities and backgrounds, and it brings a rich difference of perspective to the classroom." By teaching students to see things from these various points of view, Diedrich hopes they will learn that in addition to being important, "thinking is also pleasurable."

Diedrich has translated many of her own thoughts into published writings. She has co-edited *Feminist Time* against *Nation Time: Gender, Politics, and the Nation State* in an Age of Permanent War with Professor Victoria Hesford. In their introduction, the two discuss the relationship between concepts of time and politics. They also bring up the idea

that the need to act quickly during "the buzz of emergencies can constrain our ability to think." Diedrich is also the author of *Treatments: Language, Politics, and the Culture of Illness*, which explores autobiographical essays of men and women who have experienced illness firsthand. As she analyzes them, Diedrich remains aware of the unique perspectives of not only the authors of these illness narratives, but also of the people who read them. There is a lot of interest in illness narratives today, and in her book she tries to understand the writings themselves, and to "figure out both why people want to write them, and why people want to read them."

Professor Diedrich's diverse experiences and her desire to understand the experiences of others make her an enthusiastic and encouraging teacher. It is her passion for thinking creatively that allows Diedrich not only to inspire her students to do the same, but also to enjoy it.

FACULTY & STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY



In appreciation of our hard-working faculty and staff, the Bookstore will host its annual Holiday Party.

Wednesday, December 10
12:30pm-2:30pm (Campus Lifetime)

You will receive a 20% off discount on all merchandise (excluding textbooks).

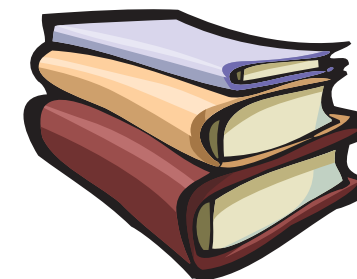
Lunch will be served, and Professor Kent Gustavon from European Languages will return to the Bookstore for another acoustic performance!

We will also offer free gift wrapping for all purchases you make!

Please R.S.V.P. to 632-1150 if you would like to attend.

TEXTBOOK BUYBACKS

The University Bookstore is always willing to buy back your textbooks. Sell them back at the Bookstore after your finals or any other time. Receive up to half of the purchase price back in cash!



Kelly Coffee and Tea House
December 18, 19, and 22
6:00pm-10:00pm

Sell back your books and receive a coupon for a free beverage at the Kelly Coffee and Tea House!

In the Classroom

If any faculty members want the Bookstore staff to come to their classrooms and buyback books from students, contact Boon Teo at 2-6551.

Southampton
December 16
11:00am-3:00pm

The University Bookstore will be buy back books at our newest campus.

Students can sell back their textbooks at the University Bookstore from December 15 - December 23.

Why choose the Bookstore for your Coursepack?

The University needs to be very serious about copyright infringement and that is why on Wednesday, October 22, the University Bookstore invited XanEdu to make a Coursepack Presentation at the Wang Center.

XanEdu is the vendor of choice when it comes to producing Coursepacks for this campus because of their exemplary record when it comes to clearing copyrighted material and also they make the process of making your Coursepack simple.

If you utilize the University Bookstore to produce your Coursepack, your department will receive 5% of the cost back from the Bookstore for total sales for the individual department.

Last Fall semester, nine departments participated with this Coursepack program, reimbursements totaled over \$9,000 and this money was given back to each department!

Some of the benefits XanEdu outlined during the presentation include:

- You will be protected from copyright violations.
- Receive a break-down of citation details and costs.
- There will be no burden on you for unsold Coursepacks.
- Receive an estimate and answers to any questions for free!

- Digital option available allowing all our environmentally conscious to have the benefit of a paperless option and going Green!