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## EMERITUS – September 2022

### AND WE'RE BACK....



An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

#### **ZOOM MEETING:**

Due to Labor Day weekend, our first meeting of the Semester will be Friday, September 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. We will continue to do these meetings via Zoom. Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/93534775346?pwd=UVZVTjU5UTHTR3I2anBRVjVNeUdpdz09>

Meeting ID: 935 3477 5346

Passcode: 062937



Our guest speaker will be Ashley Langford, Department of Athletics.

**BIO:** Ashley Langford was appointed the 10th head coach in Stony Brook women's basketball history on April 28, 2021. In her first season on Long Island, she led the Seawolves to a 23-6, 14-4 record. The 23 wins were tied for the fourth-most in a season in program history and were the most by a first-year head coach in program history.

Langford guided the Seawolves to an at-large berth into the WNIT, which marked its sixth appearance in a national postseason tournament and third in the WNIT during the program's Division I era.

In her first season at the helm, Stony Brook picked up marquee wins over two Power Five opponents in Rutgers (53-44 on Nov. 16) and Washington State (69-62 on Dec. 19). The wins were the third and fourth over Power Five opponents in program history and it was the first time that the Seawolves beat two Power Five opponents in the same season.

The Seawolves earned votes in WBCA Top 25 and were ranked as high as No. 7 in the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 during the stellar 2021-22 campaign.

Under Langford's tutelage, Stony Brook's offensive output increased by nearly nine points per game and the team had four student-athletes scoring in double figures and seven student-athletes increased their scoring from a season ago.

Langford had a pair of student-athletes earn All-Conference honors in her first season as India Pagan and Anastasia Warren took home All-Conference recognition. Warren claimed All-Conference First Team honors, while Pagan was tabbed to the All-Conference Second Team and All-Academic Team. Both Pagan (Second Team) and Warren (Third Team) were also recognized by the Met Basketball Writers Association (MBWA).

In March, Langford was selected to the Advancement of Blacks In Sports (ABIS) Mid-Major Head Coaches Watch List. She was one of 11 women's basketball head coaches in the nation to be tabbed to the Watch List.

In addition to their tremendous success on the court, Stony Brook also made strides in the classroom. The team accomplished an overall GPA of 3.185 for the 2021-22 academic year and received WBCA Academic Top 25 Special Mention.

Before coming to Long Island, Langford spent four seasons at James Madison. While at JMU, Langford helped lead a team that produced a 91-31 overall and 58-11 conference record as well as three CAA regular season titles.

Prior to the 2020-21 season at JMU, Langford was elevated from assistant coach to associate head coach. Langford recruited and coached 14 CAA All-Conference selections, one Player of the Year, two Rookies of the Year, one two-time Defensive Player of the Year, and the 28th overall pick in the 2020 WNBA draft.

Over the course of her coaching career, she has coached two WNBA Draft picks, 10 players playing professionally overseas, one Olympian, and three players competing for Puerto Rican Jr. National Team.

She also has served as an assistant coach at Old Dominion, Navy, Bucknell, and Denver.

Langford earned a bachelor's degree in management and marketing from Tulane in 2009 and an MBA from Auburn in 2011.

Before her coaching career began, Langford was a standout point guard at Tulane from 2005-09. She remains the Green Wave's career leader in assists (722) and assists per game (6.0). She graduated as the program's leader in games started (119) and minutes played (4,162), and currently ranks second in those categories.

She was Conference USA's Scholar-Athlete of the Year as a senior in addition to a three-time All-Conference selection. Langford was a member of C-USA's All-Freshman Team in 2006.

Langford scored 1,047 points during her collegiate career and was inducted into the school's athletics Hall of Fame in 2018.

**TOPIC:** Her journey through coaching and the present/future of Stony Brook women's basketball.



**SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)**

Here is a preview of our upcoming speakers.

**October:** Neelima Sehgal, Physics & Astronomy

**November:** Fred Ferguson, Dental School

**December:** Sohl Lee, Art



**IN MEMORIAM: Marshall Spector (1936-2022)**

Marshall Spector of Setauket, NY, died on July 21 after a long illness. He was 86.

Marshall spent nearly fifty years as a philosophy professor, having earned a master's degree in physics at the University of Chicago and a doctorate in philosophy at Johns Hopkins. After finishing his Ph.D. in 1963, he taught at Duke University before coming to Stony Brook in 1968. He retired in 2011, at the age of 75.

During his long career at Stony Brook, Marshall was responsible for a wide range of the Philosophy Department's course offerings, but the primary focus of his teaching and research was philosophy of science. His published books and papers were mainly concerned with the intersections between physics and philosophy. After retiring from his academic post, Marshall systematically pursued his avid interests in cosmology and astronomy as well as developmental biology. His eyes lit up as he was shown photos from the Webb telescope on his last conscious day.

Marshall was married to his wife Nan in 1959. They shared a lifetime -children, grandchildren, humor, values, and ideals. Their son, Anthony (Tony), died while the country was in pandemic lockdown and Marshall was ill with cancer. Marshall is survived by Nan as well as his daughter, a philosophy professor at Yale, and four grandchildren (Isaac, Aidan, Ariella, and Serafina).

Marshall was not sentimental. He disliked euphemism and had little patience with intellectual pretentiousness and fashionable trends. Two things that troubled him about the state of the world and had for decades -were climate change and the unchecked exercise of authority. As one of his colleagues in the Philosophy Department recently put it: " Marsh was that rarest of professorial beings: a genuine democrat, in every respect. His academic bullshit detection faculty was second to none, as was his steadfast dedication to undergraduate teaching."



### **PARTICIPATION NEEDED:**

#### **"Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences":**

Stony Brook University Libraries announced the establishment of "Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences," a new digital archive project to collect, preserve, and publish the institutional history of Stony Brook University. The archive will primarily be formed from submissions received directly from students, faculty, staff, and alumni that document life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Interviews, first-hand accounts, written narratives, photographs, and more will be important sources to consult in the future to study, interpret, and derive meaning from this historic time period. Members of the Emeritus Faculty Association are invited and encouraged to participate in the project. For more information, please visit: <https://library.stonybrook.edu/special-library-initiatives/documenting-covid-19/>

#### **Faculty Emeritus Documentation Project:**

*In return for the light labor of arranging the calendar of speakers I claim the right to be a nag. Each month the SB Emeriti newsletter includes a plea for you to go to the Old Stony Brook memory project on the web site run by and preserved in the Melville Library's Special Collections. To date, only 19 retired SB faculty have filled out the forms designed to let you talk about the early days at SB and your retrospective views, both about what you expected (or were told) when you came and what you now have to say, looking back, on the experience. The responses are an open document and this paragraph is designed to make you feel guilty if you have not bothered to fill out the questionnaire. You can remedy this.*

*Joel Rosenthal*

In an effort to document and preserve the unique and varied experiences of the university's emeritus faculty, a questionnaire has been designed to elicit the personal reflections of faculty members':

- impetuses for accepting academic positions at Stony Brook University.
- early experiences on the campus.
- views on the evolution and growth of the institution.
- contributions to departments and to the university.
- interactions with academic and administrative leadership.
- views on the institution's role in the community (local and wider).
- assessments of the university's mission and successes as a research university.

### **Stony Brook University history:**

Access information about the project and the questionnaire at:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/archives/collections/facultyemeritus.php>

Historis of departments and units. Gerrit Wolf, a new member of our ranks, has written a history of the evolution of the College of Business at Stony Brook. The University Archives, under Kristen Nyitray, welcomes all such efforts. You might want to turn your thoughts in this direction.



### **CAMPUS EVENTS:**

Friday, September 23, 2022:           Lion Babe  
8:00 PM – Staller Center Recital Hall

Wednesday, September 28, 2022:   Colin Carr & Kyungwha Chu  
7:00 PM – Staller Center Recital Hall

Thursday, September, 29, 2022:   Morgan James  
7:00 – Staller Center Recital Hall

More Events and information can be found: <https://calendar.stonybrook.edu/>



## **EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION (EFA) MEMBER UPDATE:!**

**EXTRA, EXTRA** we are looking for new Steering Committee Members! Please contact [Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu) for more information.

The Provost's Office has updated the EFA's member list! Below is the link for the updated contact information for all members. Please take a look and let us know if you notice any out-of-date or incorrect information about yourself or a colleague, please contact Faith Mirabile at [faith.mirabile@stonybrook.edu](mailto:faith.mirabile@stonybrook.edu) with any changes. Please remember, we are **only** using your Stony Brook emails.

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/members.html>

Please contact Joel Rosenthal, Chair of the Retirees Committee on the local UUP executive committee with any problems or questions about your union status or related matters. [joel.rosenthal@stonybrook.edu](mailto:joel.rosenthal@stonybrook.edu).



**WEBSITE:** To visit our website, go to the University website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/index.html>. It always contains the latest emeritus news (click on "Next Meeting"), a list of members' email addresses, a list of officers, newsletter archives and many other useful links.



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