Cortland has a variety of events that encourage civic involvement of faculty, staff, and students. Thanks to the American Democracy Project and engaged members, we look forward to an exciting semester.

**ACTIVITIES TO WATCH FOR:**

**Human Rights in Africa: Amnesty International:** Students from Amnesty International will be discussing human rights violations in Africa. From topics including violence against women, child soldiers, the arms trade, blood diamonds, and genocide in Darfur, students hope to inform the community about atrocities occurring in Africa. Join us on **February 13th at 7:00 pm in Bowers 136** and participate in a conversation about the necessity of human rights protections.

**NYPIRG Student Action Meeting:** The New York Public Interest Research Group is busy at work protecting students rights and tirelessly fighting for a responsive government. Students are given the chance to become involved in a student movement that is calling for fair tuition and financial aid, consumer rights, and environmental protections. Students can make a difference and mobilize by coming to the **Student Action Meeting on February 15th at 6:30 in Corey 201-203**.

**Shop Talk: Service Learning:** Please join interested and interesting faculty on Thursday, **February 16th from 3:00 to 4:00 in Old Mains Colloquium for the first Shop Talk**, a series of informal chats sponsored by the Office of Service-Learning. We will share service-learning anecdotes and observations; we will gab **without an agenda and without recording minutes**. Remember: to enter the discussion, you do not need to be teaching through service-learning; all you need is interest. Please RSVP at suarezj@cortland.edu

**Civilian Deaths in Iraq: A Story of Media Spin by Les Roberts:** During September of 2004 a study was conducted by researchers from Johns Hopkins University and Al Mustansarya University in Baghdad that estimated at least 100,000 civilians had died as a result of the U.S. led invasion of Iraq. The study received front-page coverage across Europe and the Middle East but was largely ignored by the U.S. media. Les Roberts, an epidemiologist and lead author on the study, will discuss the discrepancy between the media coverage in the U.S. and elsewhere and the implications for the American public on **February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge**.

**Progressive Students and Faculty: END THE WAR:** Students and faculty who are concerned about the U.S conflict in Iraq and the preservation of civil liberties and fair government will meet on **February 21st at 7:00 in Old Main G-9**.

**SUNY GENESEO CONVERSATIONS IN THE DISCIPLINES**

SUNY Geneseo invites participants to its Conversations in the Disciplines conference, **Local Studies, a National Movement: Toward a Historiography of the Black Freedom Movement** from March 24-26. Additional information, including registration forms, can be found at [http://www.geneseo.edu/~history/conversation.htm](http://www.geneseo.edu/~history/conversation.htm).
P.O.W.E.R OF WOMEN CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Women and Men of POWER are planning a student based conference at SUNY Cortland. Students have extended invitations to neighboring institutions and hope to excite and motivate fellow feminists. POWER NEEDS YOU TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A WORKSHOP. There are many people, faculty and students, who identify with feminist tenets. Encourage your colleagues and students to submit an idea. All workshops will last 45 minutes and can be shared with other interested participants. Join POWER and show the rest of the region what we can do. If there is a womens issue that you are passionate about and want others to know about, send a few sentences to cortlandpower@yahoo.com. All submissions are appreciated.

STUDENTS: GET INVOLVED IT PAYS!

Democracy Matters Internship: Democracy Matters at SUNY Cortland is offering a paid on-campus internship. Democracy Matters is a non-partisan national organization that mobilizes students around the issue of fair and responsive government. Students in Democracy Matters are interested in empowering citizens to rid the American democratic system of corporate dominance. A student interested in these issues will be paid $750 dollars a semester to maintain a chapter of Democracy Matters on campus. Any student can apply. To become involved, e-mail democracymatterscortland@yahoo.com. This is the perfect opportunity for students to sharpen their leadership skills and participate in a large social movement for a fair government.

NY TIMES PREMIUM ACCESS IS NOW AVAILABLE

The NY Times, as part of its affiliation with our campus and the American Democracy Project, has provided us with about 250 cards that permit access to the premium online content of the NY Times through June 30, 2006. Each card has its own unique code that will enable you to access the NY Times premium Web site content. This premium content includes the work of the NY Times columnists, most of which is not available for public access.

If you would like to have a card, I will distribute them on a first-come, first-served basis. Either kendrickr@cortland.edu or stop by the Sociology/Anthropology Department office in Cornish D311. Please request cards only for yourself and others that you know will use them. The supply is limited, so I would like to be sure they will go to people who will use the NY Times premium content.

A reminder, the NY Times offers a special section of the online newspaper at www.nytimes.com/college. You can obtain access to archived articles without charge at this site. The way this works is that you select a subject from the dropdown menu in the upper left corner of the screen. Then search within that subject area. Articles that are selected from your search can be accessed without charge, regardless of the date on the article. Let me know if you have any problems with this.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Student Government Association: Mondays @ 7:00 Corey Union Exhibition Lounge
- P.O.W.E.R (Planet of Women for Equality and Respect): Tuesdays @ 7:00 Corey Union 301
- Democracy Matters: Wednesdays @ 7:00 Corey Union 204 see their Web site at www.democracymatters.org
- NYPIRG: Thursdays @ 6:00 NYPIRG office (215 Corey Union) www.nypirg.org
- Amnesty International: Thursdays @ 6:00 Brooks Museum (Third Floor Cornish) www.amnesty.org

If you are interested in advertising an event through the American Democracy Project Newsletter, send information to Richard Kendrick at kendrickr@cortland.edu or Lauren Caruso at caruso24@cortland.edu. Information can also be sent to the Sociology/Anthropology Office at Cornish D-311 attn: American Democracy Project. Thank you for your support!