

Carey McWilliams Loved Rutgers and Took Joy in Sharing in His Students' Lives: A Daughter's Tribute



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[Susan McWilliams presented the following remembrance of her father, (Wilson) Carey McWilliams, shortly after his passing. McWilliams had been a political science professor at Rutgers University, initially on the Livingston College faculty. He was posthumously honored in 2015 with the Livingston Legacy Award given by Livingston Alumni Association at Rutgers University. See his bio and award video.]

My father, Professor Wilson Carey McWilliams, died on March 29, [2005,] in his 35th year of teaching at Rutgers University.



Dad loved Rutgers. He didn't always love the campus or those responsible for it: He grumbled about the Hickman Hall elevators; he grumbled about those administrators who privilege football over financial aid; he grumbled about the increasingly elitist status of Rutgers College within the University system.

But he grumbled about these things because his love for Rutgers was a love for Rutgers' student body. And he knew that those things, and others, made Rutgers a place that often burdened his students.

For my whole life, Dad would come home with stories about students: their hometowns, families, problems, and possibilities. He took evident joy in knowing them and learning from their lives.

So I was struck, at his funeral, not by how many students attended – I expected that, knowing how much he gave – but by how many introduced themselves with the caveat, “I was *just* a student of your father's at Rutgers ...”. This phrase, of course, implies that being a Rutgers student is an anonymous thing. These students had implied answered, negatively, this question: Should I, your professor's daughter, care about you?

The thing was: Usually, I recognized these students' names and remembered Dad's stories about them. When I revealed that, they seemed surprised that my father had mentioned – or even known – them. I realize that my father was not the average professor. He was known, I am told, for his willingness to engage students, help them navigate the University bureaucracy, and give advice about problems one doesn't often share with teachers.

But if there was one lesson Dad was committed to teaching at Rutgers – and he proved his commitment to teaching here, rejecting numerous offers from private schools, at greater salaries for fewer responsibilities – it was that his students should never feel nameless. My father, like Socrates, knew that there are no second-class souls.

My father was raised – a sick kid, with debilitating allergies and almost-fatal polio – by a working single mother in a time of few working single mothers. He went to a state university because he could afford it, and although he saw the temptations of fame and money, he knew that fame and money can't teach anything that life – real life, unadorned by material surfaces – doesn't teach better.

My father found particular joy in teaching at Rutgers because it is a public institution, which at its best stands against for forces of this privatist age. He loved the number of Rutgers students who are first-generation baccalaureates, who are immigrants, who attend this University to save parents money or worry, who are here just living an honest life. He always said he wanted to teach at Rutgers until he dropped dead; I am glad he did.

For my father, each of his students was a miracle – not just an independent miracle, but also a reflection of the human miracle. We are, as Jefferson said, created equally: made of the same stuff, born of the same bodily labors and subject to the same bodily end, who have the briefest opportunity to seek truth together by speaking truthfully.

Aristotle says in his *Politics* that humans are *logistikon*: beings who talk. What demarcates our species, even in light of what scientists learn, is our ability to communicate in terms particular and universal. We are aware of our partialness yet able to comprehend wholeness; we can speak about justice and abstract truth, and also speak about individual differences. We must recognize each other's particularity in order to access what in us is universal, but we can never transcend our particularity – or imagine we should.

✖ My father wished his students would learn from him that they are not properly defined as anonymous members of a fairly anonymous group – *just* Rutgers students – but defined by their fascinating particularities, and equally by their status as humans, seekers.

Dad knew that we humans are all kin. We are all worthy of remembering, and remembrance. My father remembered his students, and he hoped they would know him as someone who remembered them. He did, and so do I.

On behalf of Dad, I thank you, Rutgers students, for bringing to Wilson Carey McWilliams such joy and affirming his knowledge that we are best recognized through that love which acknowledges other people as equal partners in a mystery. As he said, we can only be cured – from all our problems, personal and political – by a better kind of love.

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Photos: (Top) Carey McWilliams teaches a class at Lucy Stone Hall on Rutgers' Livingston campus in October 1994. (Bottom) McWilliams plays with his daughters Helen and Susan in June 1982.

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Distinguished Alumnus Robert Bertrand, LC'01, Broadcast Engineer, Reimagined Radio at Rutgers

Robert P. Bertrand, honored in 2015 as a Livingston College Distinguished Alumnus, is the Chief Technology Officer at WAMU-FM 88.5, the National Public Radio station in Washington, D.C. ✖

Before joining WAMU, Bertrand served for more than five years as the Market Chief Engineer for CBS Radio New York. He oversaw the technical operations of four FM and three AM radio stations, in addition to the CBS Sports Radio Network until January 2016.

At CBS Radio, Bertrand led a team of 20 broadcast engineering and IT pros supporting the more than 500 people who comprise these operations, including 35 studios and 40 news production workstations. Prior to taking the chief role in December 2010, Bertrand served as a broadcast engineer for WCBS 880 for five years.

Bertrand began his commercial radio career at Greater Media's WCTC and WMGQ in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he discovered his passion for broadcast engineering.



A 2001 graduate of Livingston College, Bertrand spent his college career to build a new radio station at Rutgers University, a joint venture with Piscataway High School. That station, 90.3 FM The Core, first broadcast in 2000.

Today it is the largest student organization at Rutgers and continues to develop new talent among the high school and college students it serves. For almost a decade after graduating, Bertrand continued to advise The Core and served as its chief engineer.

For Bertrand, Livingston College was a place for "forgotten misfits ... a place for people who didn't think that everything else in the world was OK." And he felt right at home there, he tells us in the embedded video (2 minutes, 20 seconds). (Open the video in a new window.)

Photos: (top) Courtesy of Bertrand; (bottom) From the 2001 Livingston College yearbook, Diversity: Making Connections, Volume XI .

[Distinguished Alumna Deborah Stokes, LC'74: Livingston College Fostered Art and Social Justice](#)

Deborah L. Stokes, honored in 2015 as a Livingston College Distinguished Alumna, has served as the Curator for Education, Head of K-12 and Teacher Programs with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art since 2008.



At the Smithsonian, Stokes oversees the development of educational programs, activities, and materials for diverse school audiences and teacher development. Stokes writes with an eye to multidisciplinary, cross-unit collaborative programming and has created family gallery guides integrating the arts with natural history, astronomy and environmental science in a series of exhibitions.

Before arriving at the Smithsonian, Stokes was appointed Visiting Professor in

the Art History Department at University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) teaching The Visual Art of Africa and Issues in Contemporary African Art. Stokes received her M.A. in Museum Studies at Columbia College Chicago, and worked as a Research Associate in the Anthropology Collections at the Field Museum in Chicago with a focus on African beadwork. She has published extensively in African arts.

Stokes' work on the African continent has taken her to Nigeria, Kenya, and South Africa and she continues to foster ideas of cross cultural collaboration with contemporary artists, curators, and educators both nationally and internationally.

In 2012, Stokes received the Pioneer Award from the Federal Government Distance Learning Association (FGDLA) in recognition of an individual for demonstrating initiative and leadership in the development and implementation of distance learning in the federal government.

In August 2013 her Distance Learning program was awarded the coveted Pinnacle Award from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC). Stokes is currently serving a three-year term on the Advisory Board of Art Education, Journal of the National Art Education Association.

During her college tenure, Stokes found mentors in the Art and Art History programs at Livingston College who introduced her to the museum world in New York City. "Livingston College gave a foundation to the idea of social justice," Stokes tells us in the embedded video. (You may also open the video in a new window.)

Also, check out an article documenting the "First Livingston Women's [Art] Show" in 1972, at which Stokes exhibited paintings and a silk screen print.

[Distinguished Alumnus Kenneth Cop, LC'95, Leads Diverse Rutgers Police Force](#)

Kenneth B. Cop, honored in 2015 as a Livingston College Distinguished Alumnus, serves as the Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Rutgers University Police.



He oversees the administration and operation of all public safety services for Rutgers University, with approximately 500 employees under his command. Cop

graduated from Livingston College ('95) with a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice, a minor in Sociology and a Criminology Certificate.


At Centenary College ('02), he earned a Master of Arts in Leadership and Public Administration. Additionally, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #254, the West Point Command and Leadership School, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program.

Cop was hired as a Rutgers University Security Officer in 1995. He completed his basic police certification at the Ocean County Police Academy and started his law enforcement career as a Rutgers University Police Officer in 1997. He has been promoted to positions of increasing responsibilities during his career with Rutgers.

Livingston College's motto of "Strength Through Diversity" is still alive in public safety at Rutgers, Cop tells us in the embedded video. (You may also open the video in a new window.)

In 2020 *Rutgers Today* interviewed Chief Cop. From the interview: "I just wanted to help others and keep people safe. ... The sentiment was instinctual for me, something that I had always cared about. My decision to remain at Rutgers after I graduated is because I always viewed the university as home. So, keeping my home safe was a natural career progression."

Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award

The **Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award** is given annually by the Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) to the Rutgers-New Brunswick graduating senior who most embodies the spirit of Livingston College and its attributes of leadership and social action. 

All Rutgers University-New Brunswick undergraduate seniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of are eligible to apply for the award.

Riki E. Jacobs (1957-2009, pictured at right) was the director of the Hyacinth Foundation, an AIDS support organization, among many roles she fulfilled to assist vulnerable populations.

Jacobs (LC'80) also was one of LAA's first Livingston College Distinguished Alumni, honored in 2000.





























Recipients of the Livingston Pride Award (renamed for Riki Jacobs in 2010)

Honorees from 1990 through 2010 graduated from Livingston College. Since 2011, honorees may be graduates of any undergraduate college at Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway.

The years in the list below link to the Livingston College yearbook page where each student is pictured. / * Photo not available.

The names link to more information about each awardee, as available.

1990: Yantra E. Zavala *	1999: Irene Shenouda	2006: Keith A. Gottesman	2014: Emilie Transue	
1991: Stephanie Heitman	2000: Geraldine Burgos	2007: Zuleima Feliciano *	2015: Amy Albert	
1992: Daniel Malloie	2001: Randall Gordon Stamm	2008: Jacqui Whitfield *	2016: Victor A. Mensah	2021: Amanda Wells
1993: Harry R. Knabe	2002: Michael Lawrence	2009: Rob Drucker *	2017: Maria Alba	2022: Tara Krishna
1994: Janel C. Patti	2003: Kazim A. Rizvi	2010: Victoria Rowland *	2018: Lucy Anne Blevins	2022: Anthony Rivera-Rosario
1995: Ayana D. Gee	2004: Gregory Ordun	2011: Matthew Cortland	2019: Eshan Kaul	2023: Divon Pender
1996: Caren A. Tinney	2005: Lisa M. Lattanzi	2012: Amy Tran	2021: Janelle L. Taliaferro	2023: Sara Rubiano
1997: Connie Liauw		2013: Melanie Davila		
1998: Ashwini Reddy				

Stephanie Heitman, LC'91	Daniel Malloie, LC'92	Harry R. Knabe, LC'93	Janel C. Patti, LC'94	Ayana D. Gee, LC'95
				
Caren A. Tinney, LC'96	Connie Liauw, LC'97	Ashwini Reddy, LC'98	Irene Shenouda, LC'99	Geraldine Burgos, LC'00
				
Randall Gordon Stamm, LC'01	Michael Lawrence Dimond, LC'02	Kazim A. Rizvi, LC'03	Gregory Ordun, LC'04	Lisa M. Lattanzi, LC'05
				
Keith A. Gottesman, LC'06	Matthew Cortland, SAS'11	Amy Tran, SAS'12	Melanie Davila, SAS'13	Emilie Transue, SAS'14
				
Amy Albert, SAS'15	Victor A. Mensah, SAS'16	Maria Alba, SAS'17	Lucy Anne Blevins, SAS'18	Eshan Kaul, SEBS'19
				
Janelle L. Taliaferro, RBS'21				
	Amanda Wells, SAS'21			Tara Krishna, SAS'22
				



Awards from LAA

The LAA presents the following awards (the linked pages include lists of the honored individuals):



- **Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award** (to a graduating undergraduate student at Rutgers-New Brunswick)
- **Livingston Distinguished Alumni Award** (and previously the **Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award**)
- **Livingston Legacy Award** (to faculty and staff)

From 1981 to 1999, LAA named 26 **Honorary Members**.

Also see a list of awards presented by other Rutgers alumni organizations to the Livingston Alumni Association and to individual alumni.

Notable Livingston College Alumni

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(The Rutgers University Alumni Association previously maintained a list of notable alumni from throughout the university.)

- **James Bailey**, LC '80, retired professional basketball player.
- **Bill Bellamy**, LC '89, Comedian; Actor, *How to Be a Player*, *Fastlane*; TV Host, *Last Comic Standing*.

- **Avery F. Brooks**, LC '73 and Mason Gross School of the Arts (MGSA) '76, Actor, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Spenser: For Hire*; Professor of Theater Arts.
- **Gregory Q. Brown**, LC '82, Chairman of the Rutgers University Board of Governors; CEO of Motorola Solutions; 2010 inductee into the Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni.
- **Thomas F. Daley**, LC '75, appellate judge, Louisiana circuit court (deceased).
- **David M. DelVecchio**, Mayor of Lambertville, NJ.
- **Gerard Gallucci**, LC '73, former chief of the U.S. embassies in Brazil and Sudan, former United Nations peacekeeper in Kosovo and East Timor.
- **Aurelia Green**, LC '74, Deputy Bronx Borough (New York City) President; former New York State Assemblywoman.
- **Verta Mae Grosvenor**, National Public Radio commentator.
- **Mark Helias**, LC '74, jazz musician.
- **Roy Hinson**, LC '83, former Atlanta Hawks basketball player.
- **Eddie Jordan**, Rutgers men's basketball coach from 2013-2016. Formerly a Los Angeles Lakers player and Philadelphia 76ers coach (School of Management and Labor Relations, 2015; originally scheduled to graduate from LC in 1977).
- **Clifton R. Lacy**, LC '75, past Commissioner, NJ Health and Senior Services.
- **John S. Lipori**, LC '77, executive vice president and chief trust officer, The Bank of New York.
- **Shaun O'Hara**, LC '05, Former Center and Captain, New York Giants. (Originally scheduled to graduate from LC in 1999.)
- **Vivian Salama**, LC'00, SCILS'00, Baghdad bureau chief for the Associated Press.
- **Harvey M. Schwartz**, LC'87, President and Co-Chief Operating Officer of Goldman Sachs; 2014 inductee into Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni.
- **Scott Siegel**, LC'74, entertainment producer.
- **Gregg Spiridellis**, LC '93, RBS'93, co-founder Jib Jab.
- **Harry V. Swayne III**, LC'90, former professional football player.
- **Tom Terhaar**, LC'92, coach of the 2012 Olympic gold U.S. women's rowing team.
- **Robert Uhrlik**, LC'78, Mayor of Rocky Hill, NJ (2019).
- **Eric Young**, LC'89, RBS'89, former Houston Astros baseball player, current MLB Network commentator.

Do you have additions to this list? Contact info@.

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Biographies for the recipients of the awards listed and linked below have been updated when possible. Otherwise, they represent the information available as of the dates of induction. Send updates or corrections.



- **Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Award:** Established in September 2000 to recognize Livingston College alumni who have distinguished themselves by contributions they have made in their chosen fields of endeavor, by the leadership they have exhibited, and by the general benefits to the larger society resulting from their activities.
- **Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award:** Established in November 2004 in memory of Army Lt. Seth Jeremy Dvorin (LC'02, Administration of Justice; pictured at right), who was killed in Iraq on February 3, 2004. The Seth Dvorin Award was presented to Livingston College young alumni who have distinguished themselves by contributions they have made in their chosen fields of endeavor, by the leadership they have exhibited, and by the general benefits to the larger society resulting from their activities. *The three recipients of this award are noted below. This award is now retired.*

2000 Inductees

RIKI JACOBS (LC'80,
NLAW'89)



Director of AIDS
Support Organization;
Health Educator (*died
in 2009*)

CLIFTON R. LACY
(LC'75, RWJMS'79)



Medical Leader;
New Jersey State
Health Commissioner

JOHN S. LIPORI
(LC'77)



Banking
Executive

**ALFRED E. RAMEY,
JR** (LC'73)



University
Counsel;
New Jersey
Assistant Attorney
General

2002 Inductees

THOMAS F. DALEY
(LC'75)



District Attorney;
Judge; Adjunct
Professor of Law (*died
in 2015*)

SUSAN KILLE
(LC'74)



Newspaper
Journalist

DAVID A. LASKOW
(LC'77, RWJMS'81)



Surgeon; Associate
Professor of
Surgery

STEVEN D. PLOFKER
(LC'78)



Real Estate
Developer;
Attorney

2004 Inductees

FRANK CARVILL (LC'75)



New Jersey National
Guardsmen

Killed in Iraq (*Posthumous; died in 2004*)

GINA COLLINS CUMMINGS
(LC'84)



Environmental, Health,
and Social Justice Activist

EDWARD E. JOHNSON, JR. (LC'79)



Wall Street Executive

MICHAEL C. LARACY
(LC'74)



Advocate for Children
and Families

KAREN ROGERS (LC'92)



*Seth Dvorin Distinguished
Young Alumni Award*
Television Meteorologist/Journalist

HARRY V. SWAYNE III
(LC'90)



Football Executive
and Player

2006 Inductees

AVERY BROOKS (LC'73, MGSA'76)



Actor; Director; Singer;
Professor, Mason Gross School
of the Arts

COLLEEN FRASER (LC'74)



Advocate for People with
Disabilities;
Hero of United Airlines
Flight 93
(*Posthumous; died in 2001*)

MARK HELIAS
(LC'74)



Jazz Musician and
Composer

LIZA KIRSCHENBAUM (LC'87) **ANDREA D. LYON** (LC'73)



Advocate for Children in
the Courts



Law School Dean;
Expert in Death-Penalty
Defense

GREGG SPIRIDELLIS (LC'93,
RBS'93)



*Seth Dvorin Distinguished
Young Alumni Award*
Entrepreneur in Online
Entertainment

2009 Inductees

KEVIN APUZZIO (LC'06)



*Seth Dvorin
Distinguished Young
Alumni Award*

Heroic Firefighter and Radio
Emergency Medical Technician
(*Posthumous; died in
2006*)

MARLA DIAMOND
(LC'92)



Journalist

FRANCOISE JACOBSON (LC'79)



Advocate for
Women and Workers

MARTHA NELL SMITH
(LC'77, GSNB'82, '85)



Professor of
English;
Emily Dickinson
Scholar

2011 Inductees

GREGORY Q. BROWN (LC'82)



Rutgers Board of Governors Chair;
Business Leader

EDWARD M. JORDAN (SMLR'15)



Rutgers Men's Basketball Head Coach
(2013-2016)
and Player (1973-1977)

2013 Inductees

NDIDI N. AMUTAH-ONUKAGHA
(LC'03)



Assistant Professor
Researcher on Health and
Nutrition

NICHOLAS FERRONI
(LC'03)



Educator and
Historian

JESSIE J. HANNA (LC'07,
RWJMS'14)



Physician
Researcher on Pediatric
Cancer

2015 Inductees

ROBERT P. BERTRAND
(LC'01)



Radio Engineer

KENNETH B. COP (LC'95)



Rutgers University Executive
Director of Police Services / Chief
of Police

DEBORAH L. STOKES
(LC'74)



Museum Curator and Arts
Educator

2018 Inductees

STACI BERGER (LC'94,
EJB/GSNB'04)



Housing and Community
Development Advocate

JEANIE BRYSON (LC'81)



Jazz/Pop/Latin Vocalist

EVERETTE B. PENN (LC'91)



Race/Youth/Justice Scholar

CARLYLE E. SHELTON JR.
(LC'80)



Deputy Inspector
General,
U.S. Marine Corps

ROBERT W. SNYDER (LC'77)



Professor, American Studies
and Journalism

MARIE VARGHESE (LC'03)



College Advisor and
Social Justice Advocate

Livingston Legacy Award

[See also the page listing Honorary Members of the Livingston Alumni Association, who were named between 1981 and 1999.]

The Livingston Legacy Award was established in 2009. The award recognizes faculty and staff who played a key role in the establishment and growth of Livingston College and its mission, and who have contributed to the overall Rutgers and global communities.

2009 Honorees

MARIA CANINO EDWARD G. ORTIZ GORDON SCHOCHET



MARIA CANINO: Founder and retired chair of the Rutgers Department of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caribbean Studies.

EDWARD G. ORTIZ (1931-2010): Retired associate professor and chair of the Rutgers Department of Urban Studies and Community Health. Memorial and obituary.

GORDON SCHOCHET: Professor emeritus of political science and the last member of the Livingston planning group who was still on the active teaching faculty.

2011 Honorees

JEROME AUMENTE LEROY HAINES (LC'71) GERALD POMPER LARRY RIDLEY



JEROME AUMENTE (1937-2023): Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Rutgers School of Communication and Information; Founding Director. Emeritus, Journalism Resource Institute, Rutgers University; and former Chair, Department of Journalism & Urban Communications program at Livingston College. Aumente on the Livingston College journalism legacy. Remembrance of Aumente.

LEROY HAINES (LC'71): Assistant Dean and Director of Residence Life at Rutgers' Livingston Campus. Haines honored at 2012 Rutgers Human Dignity Awards.

GERALD POMPER: Board of Governors Professor of Political Science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics of Rutgers University (Emeritus). and former Chair, Livingston College Political Science Department.

LARRY RIDLEY: Chairman, Music Department, Livingston College 1972-1980, and one of the architects of the college's renowned jazz program.

2013-2018 Honorees

ROGER COHEN (RC'65) W. CAREY McWILLIAMS MICHAEL GREENBERG WELLS HAMILTON KEDDIE



2013 Honoree



2015 Honoree



2018 Honoree



2018 Honoree

ROGER COHEN (RC'65) (1943-2022): A professor emeritus of Rutgers' School of Communication and Information (SC&I); originally taught in Livingston College's Department of Journalism and Urban Communication.

WILSON CAREY McWILLIAMS (1933-2005): A distinguished political science professor at Livingston College and Rutgers University, and a prolific author. Read tributes from his protégé, Patrick Deneen, and his daughter, Susan McWilliams, and a remembrance from his student, Leonard Klepner

MICHAEL GREENBERG: Professor of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Public Policy at Rutgers University-New Brunswick

WELLS HAMILTON KEDDIE (1925-2006): Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

[Awards Celebrations](#)

Livingston College Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy Awards

The Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) of Rutgers University historically has presented the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Awards and Livingston Legacy Award (for faculty and staff) approximately every two years.

See the information below on the awards celebrations from 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015. See the separate page for information from 2018.

See the award descriptions and biographies of all of the distinguished alumni and Livingston Legacy Award recipients.




LAA's first Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented at a brunch on Saturday, September 9, **2000**, honoring: **Riki Jacobs**, LC'80; **Clifton R. Lacy**, LC'75; **John S. Lipori**, LC'77; and **Alfred E. Ramey, Jr.**, LC'73.
Source: *Livingston College newsletter*, Winter 2002 (page 7).

Photo: From left, Distinguished Alumni John S. Lipori, Clifton R. Lacy, Riki Jacobs, and Alfred E. Ramey, Jr.

The **2002** awards were presented Saturday, October 12 at a luncheon in the Livingston Student Center. The four Distinguished Alumni were: **Thomas F. Daley**, LC'75; **Susan Kille**, LC'74; **David A. Laskow**, LC'77; and **Steven D. Plofker**, LC'78. Source: *Livingston College newsletter, Winter 2003* (page 4).



Photo: From left, Distinguished Alumni Steven D. Plofker, David A. Laskow, Susan Kille, and Thomas F. Daley.

 The **2004** awards were presented Saturday, November 6 at the Livingston Student Center. The honorees were **Frank T. Carvill**, LC'75, posthumous; **Gina Collins Cummings**, LC'84; **Edward E. Johnson, Jr.**, LC'79; **Michael C. Laracy**, LC'74; and **Harry V. Swayne III**, LC'90.

The Livingston Alumni Association also presented the first Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award, named after **Lt. Seth Dvorin**, a 2002 graduate of Livingston who was killed in February 2004 in the Iraq conflict while attempting to defuse a roadside bomb. **Karen Rogers Lee**, LC'92, an honors graduate of Livingston College and a news reporter with 6ABC Action News in Philadelphia, was the first recipient of this award. Source: *Livingston Alumni News, Winter/Spring 2005* (page 1).

Photo: From left, Karen Rogers Lee, named as the Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumna; and Distinguished Alumni Gina Collins Cummings, Edward E. Johnson, Jr., Michael C. Laracy, and Harry V. Swayne III.

The **2006** awards were presented Saturday, October 14, at the Livingston Student Center. The Distinguished Alumni recipients were **Avery Brooks**, LC'73; **Colleen Fraser**, LC'74, posthumous; **Mark Helias**, LC'74; **Liza Kirschenbaum**, LC'87; and **Andrea D. Lyon**, LC'73. The Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award was presented to **Gregg Spiridellis**, LC'93.



Photo: Front, from left, Distinguished Alumnus Mark Helias; Gregg Spiridellis, Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumnus; and Christine Fraser, who accepted the Distinguished Alumna Award on behalf of her sister, the late Colleen Fraser. Rear, from left, Marty Siederer, LAA President; Distinguished Alumni Liza Kirschenbaum, Avery Brooks, and Andrea D. Lyon; and Livingston College Dean Arnold G. Hyndman.

See the photo album, courtesy of Steve Goodman.


 The **2009** awards were presented on Saturday, May 15, at the Douglass Campus Center. The Distinguished Alumni recipients were **Marla Diamond**, LC'92; **Francoise Jacobsohn**, LC'78; and **Martha Nell Smith**, LC'85. **Kevin Apuzzio** (LC'06) posthumously was honored with the Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award. The recipients of the first Livingston Legacy Awards were Professors **Maria Canino**, **Edward Ortiz** and **Gordon Schochet**.

Photo: Front, from left, Livingston Legacy honorees Edward Ortiz, Maria Canino and Gordon Schochet. Rear, from left, Livingston College Dean Arnold G. Hyndman; Distinguished Alumnae Franciose Jacobsohn, Martha Nell Smith and Marla Diamond; Joseph Apuzzio, father of the late Kevin Apuzzio, who had been honored as a Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumnus; Leila Apuzzio, sister of Kevin Apuzzio; and Marty Siederer, LAA President.

See the photo album, courtesy of Matt Kleinschmidt.

Watch the video tributes to the honorees.



The **2011** awards were presented on Saturday, May 14 at the Livingston Student Center. **Gregory Q. Brown**, LC '82; and **Eddie Jordan**, SMLR'15. one  of the stars of the Rutgers basketball Cinderella 1976-77 basketball season, were honored as Distinguished Alumni. Livingston Legacy Awards were presented to **Jerome Aumente**, **Leroy Haines**, **Gerald Pomper** and **Larry Ridley**. The 2011 Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award was presented to **Matthew Cortland**, SAS '11. (Brown accepted the Distinguished Alumni Award in a presentation held on December 14, 2011, at Winants Hall on Rutgers' College Avenue campus.)

Photo: (Front) Livingston Legacy honorees Jerome Aumente, Gerald Pomper and Larry Ridley. (Rear) Livingston Legacy honoree Leroy Haines; Distinguished Alumnus Eddie Jordan; and Matthew Cortland, winner of the Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award.

See the photo album, courtesy of Rebecca Berkowitz.

 The **2013** awards were presented Wednesday, October 9, at the Rutgers Club. LAA honored three distinguished alumni: **Ndidi N. Amutah**, LC'03; **Nicholas**

Ferroni, LC'03; and **Jessie J. Hanna**, LC'07. The Livingston Legacy Award went to **Roger Cohen**, a professor emeritus of Livingston's and Rutgers' journalism program.

Photo, from left: Distinguished Alumni Jessie Hanna, Ndididi Amutah, and Nicholas Ferroni.

See the photo album, courtesy of George Jones.

Watch the video tributes to the honorees.

The **2015** awards were presented Tuesday, November 10, at the Rutgers Club, to Distinguished Alumni **Robert P. Bertrand**, LC'01; **Kenneth B. Cop**, LC'95; and **Deborah L. Stokes**, LC'74.



LAA also posthumously honored **Wilson Carey McWilliams** with the Livingston Legacy Award. McWilliams was a distinguished political science professor at Livingston College and a prolific author who died in 2005.

Photo: Distinguished Alumni Robert Bertrand (left), Deborah Stokes (second left), and Kenneth Cop (right). Nancy Riley McWilliams (second right) accepted the Livingston Legacy Award on behalf of her spouse, the late political science professor Wilson Carey McWilliams.

See the photo album, courtesy of George Jones and Jeffrey Armus.

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