On Friday, December 4, 2009, about 40 faculty, staff, administrators and alumni gathered in the Ruth Horowitz Alumni House on the East Campus for the Annual Phi Kappa Phi Faculty and Staff Initiation Luncheon.

Dr. Dennis Finger, Vice President of the Chapter, welcomed the guests and provided a narrative of the history and facts of the honor society. Dr. Suzanne Bousquet then explained the Phi Kappa Phi symbolism. Patricia Gruytch, Secretary of the Chapter, introduced the four faculty initiates. They were Dr. Joseph Amorino, Dr. Dennis Klein, Dr. Patricia Morreale, and Dr. Julia Nevarez.

Dr. Frank Esposito, a Phi Kappa Phi member since 1983, presented an informative and insightful speech on the history and image of New Jersey titled *New Jersey: Soprano State or Not*, to the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

Dr. Rongsun Pu, Treasurer of the Chapter, presented certificates of appreciation to three former officers of the Chapter in recognition of their many years of dedicated service. The three members were Dr. Carole Shaffer-Koros, Dr. Suzanne Bousquet and Dr. Charles Murphy.

Dr. Suzanne Bousquet was honored at the luncheon.

The highlight of the luncheon was Dr. Frank Esposito’s insightful speech, ‘New Jersey: Soprano State or Not’.
Dr. Joseph Amorino has recently published several articles, including one that appears in *Studies in Art Education*, the leading and most highly regarded publication in the field. The article, titled *The Artistic Impetus Model: A Resource for Reawakening Artistic Expression in Adolescence*, addresses the long-standing problem of artistic decline in late childhood, and its rejuvenation. It offers an analytical description of the origins of the artistic process as a form of global intelligence and provides educators with a means of resurrecting this potential in their students.


Dr. Lily Chen-Hafteck has directed the *Educating the Creative Mind* Conference on March 4-6, 2010 at Kean University. This international conference on arts-based education included a keynote speech by Dr. Howard Gardner, Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard University; a panel discussion with policy makers; 25 breakout sessions with 60 paper, workshop and symposium presentations; a poster session with 14 presenters, and a round table session with 9 presenters. Presenters came from 13 of the United States, 12 countries and 5 continents. It was a successful conference with over 500 participants.

Dr. Patricia Morreale’s new book that she co-authored with Dr. Kornel Terplan entitled *Handbook of Modern Telecommunications* has recently been published by Taylor and Francis. This book details the latest developments in voice communication techniques, advanced communication concepts, network organization, governance, and traffic management. Wireless sensor networks, an area of ongoing research for Dr. Morreale, are presented and RFID architectures are contrasted. Information life cycle, web performance management and service delivery integration with the Internet are discussed, along with strategies which can be used to improve overall service delivery.

Dr. Julia Nevarez is the co-editor (along with Dr. Gabriel Moser) and contributor to the edited volume "On Global Grounds: Urban Change and Globalization" which offers an important analysis of how globalization has affected cities and human settlements around the world. She also presented her current research for a book at the Urban Affairs Association Conference in Hawaii, entitled: "Developing the Archive: The Global Library in Contemporary Perspective" in March. She has been invited to present this topic to the staff of the New York Public Library in New York City.

Dr. Anthony Scelba presented a performance, master classes, and roundtable classes at the invitation of the Vorarlberg Music Conservatory (Vorarlberger Landeskonservatorium), Feldkirch, Austria for its Feldkircher Meisterklassen 2010 series. He was introduced as "one of the most important double bassists of the second half of the 20th century, whose career foreshadowed the current climate for professionals. Scelba has been active in all areas of double bass development, performing as soloist, chamber musician, and with orchestra, composing, arranging, writing and teaching." Dr. Scelba has been appointed Artistic Director of the Festival Internacional de Música de Campina Grande, a new chamber music festival that will take place in Paraíba, Brazil this May and June.

Dr. Carole Shaffer-Koros has been invited as a keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the American Studies section of the Association of Geography Studies of Portugal. Her talk will be given on April 15 in Lisbon on *New Approaches in American Literary Studies: Edith Wharton, A Case in Point*.

IN MEMORIAM: We mourn the passing of PKP member and colleague Dr. Larry Zimmer, Professor in the Department of History. He was at Kean for 45 years.

**VISIT TO PKP NATIONAL OFFICE**

On January 5-6, 2010, Cathy Hannan represented the Kean Chapter at the *Partnering With Success Workshop* in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 25 chapter officers and volunteers from colleges and universities from around the country gathered at the workshop to share ideas and gain new information to help make local chapters more effective. After the workshop, Cathy had a tour of the Head Office. She had an enjoyable time visiting with PKP Executive Director, Dr. Perry Snyder, and all of the staff.

*By Cathy Hannan*
On Friday December 4th, The Kean University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducted into membership the following individuals:

- Dr. Joseph Amorino, Fine Arts
- Dr. Dennis Klein, History, Director of Jewish Studies
- Dr. Patricia Morreale, Computer Science/Technology
- Dr. Julia Nevarez, Sociology/Anthropology.

In the Photo (from left to right):
Dr. Dennis Klein, Dr. Julia Nevarez, Dr. Patricia Morreale, Dr. Joseph Amorino.

Dr. Joseph Amorino has been at Kean in the Fine Arts Department since Spring 2004 as the Program Coordinator for Fine Art Education. Joe has over 18 years of teaching art education and studio art, and has brought innovative ideas about teaching art educators from Columbia University to Kean. He totally revised the Art Ed program and has worked ceaselessly with the school districts to accept this new approach. He has a number of publications in prestigious journals and has presented many papers and participated in panels. In addition, as an artist, he has participated in a number of art shows. He is a serious artist/scholar and an excellent role model for the art ed students.

Dr. Dennis Klein has been in the History Department at Kean since 1996. He has publications in the intellectual, cultural and social history of modern European history; in the modern history and psychology of the Jewish people in Europe and America; and in history and psychology. He is the author of 4 major books, including one given a Choice citation and called a “notable book” in a NY Times Book Review. In addition, he has edited a number of books and was the founding editor of a Journal of Holocaust Studies. At Kean, he is the Director of the Jewish Studies Program and is one of the original faculty involved in the development and teaching of ID 1800 – Holocaust, Genocide and Modern Humanity. He is also an active participant in the Master’s in Holocaust and Genocide Studies program.

Dr. Patricia Morreale has been a member of the Computer Science Department since 2006. She is a US patent holder in database design and error detection. Since joining Kean, she has received funding from the National Science Foundation, and prior to coming to Kean, her research was funded by the NJ commission on Science and Technology and a number of other private and government agencies. Her research contributions have been in the area of network design and management, and multimedia systems. She has been the co-editor of 3 books and has recently published research outcomes on undergraduate recruiting and retention in computer science. During the summers of 2008 and 2009, she was awarded Kean’s Students Partnering with Faculty awards for her undergraduate research teams. One of her students received Kean’s Best Undergraduate Researcher Award in March 2009.

Dr. Julia Nevarez came to Kean’s Sociology and Anthropology Department in 2000. She has a consistent and impressive record of refereed papers, book reviews and journal articles and co-edited a book in 2009. Her areas of specialization are urban issues and culture, globaliztion, urban development, public space and techno culture, gentrification, tourism, and sustainable development. She has been a research consultant for numerous public and private organizations. Julia is very active in her professional organizations, the Environmental Design Research Association and the Urban Affairs Association, and has presented papers at their conferences, both nationally and internationally.
MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

I am pleased to see the renewed faculty involvement in the activities sponsored by the local chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Cathy Hannan has done an excellent job of organizing a number of functioning committees that ensure that the work of the chapter will continue, including details of the student initiation to be held in April, scholarship opportunities, and the committee that will judge the essay and special projects in computer sciences that will be submitted for this year's competition at Kean. Dividing the work makes what needs to be done much less onerous, especially since PKP faculty are all very busy with their own projects. Under Cathy Hannan's guidance, PKP is definitely in good hands.

Carole Shaffer-Koros, Past President, Kean Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

HOLD THE DATE: APRIL 23, 2010

Student Initiation Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 6:30pm in Wilkins Theater. Awards will also be presented to winners of Student Term Paper and Project Contest. A reception will follow the ceremony. PKP members are cordially invited to come and support the student inductees. Please RSVP to PhiKappaPhi@kean.edu.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

I am honored to be serving as the Kean University Chapter President of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. For those of you who don’t know me, let me tell you a little about myself — I have been working at Kean for over 21 years but have been a part of Kean for over 25 years — I am an alumnus as well as an employee, having graduated from Kean with a double major in Computer Science/Management Science. At Kean I provide leadership in the area of computer support for the College of Natural, Applied and Health Sciences (NAHS). In addition, over the years I have taught as an adjunct in the College of Education and occasionally for the Computer Science Department, organized and managed the Technology Teams (which assisted faculty with developing online courses, websites and technology based projects) and taught technology training courses.

I earned my Masters Degree in Strategic Communications and Leadership from Seton Hall and I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to also apply my knowledge in that field to the Leadership of Phi Kappa Phi at Kean. I am grateful to all members of Kean’s Executive Board for their willingness and enthusiasm to be a part of the continuation and growth of Phi Kappa Phi on campus, and the previous officers who have been vital in keeping Kean’s chapter going and still provide valuable insight.

While individuals are invited to join Phi Kappa Phi due to their academic achievements, we as an Honor Society also wish to provide opportunities to use their talents in helping others. Given that part of the Phi Kappa Phi’s mission is “to engage the community of scholars in service to others”, we are in the process of setting up some service projects/events as we seek to provide that service. We will keep our members informed of these opportunities and would value any input.

Please check our website (http://www.kean.edu/~pkp) often as we work to keep it current. Please let me know of any ideas or thoughts you have to make Phi Kappa Phi more visible throughout the campus community. You can also send us a request to follow us on Twitter — http://www.twitter.com/phikappaphi_KU. If you have ideas or want to become more involved in your local chapter of Phi Kappa Phi at Kean, please email me at channan@kean.edu. I will be glad to hear from you!

Cathy Hannan, President, Kean Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi