

## **Documentary Wins Awards in Various Film Festivals Worldwide**

The documentary flm, "Drawing Against Oblivion," which was shot in part on Stockton's campus, has received worldwide acclaim, winning various awards at flm festivals. The flm documents the creation of Manfred Bockelmann's series of works by the same name.

Final Frame, an international flm crew based in Munich, Germany, shadowed Bockelmann for 18 months as he worked on the project, which includes more than 100 large portraits, all in charcoal on burlap. The flm crew came to Stockton to flm the meeting of Bockelmann and Dr. Murray Kohn, who was the frst to teach Holocaust Studies at the University.

In April 2014, Dr. Marion Hussong, professor of Literature and Holocaust/Genocide Studies, surprised Dr. Kohn with Bockelmann's portrait of Dr. Kohn's sister, Ida Rebecca, who was killed in the Holocaust. Bockelmann is Dr. Hussong's uncle.

Scenes shot on campus featuring Gail Rosenthal and Dr. Kohn receiving his sister's portrait are an integral part of the documentary flm.

# Faculty Present at Why the Humanities Matter Summer Institute

This past April, Dr. Michelle Craig McDonald, interim assistant provost and associate professor of Atlantic History, participated on a panel titled, "Geographic Taboos: Why the Caribbean Matters to the Teaching of U.S. History" as part of the Organization of American Historians annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

CSPAN3, American History TV videotaped the segment, which aired this month. Click here to view.

The panel consisted of professors who teach in different felds, including Caribbean, Atlantic and early North American history.

"We saw this as an opportunity to think about how the Caribbean fts – or doesn't ft – with the teaching of U.S. History," explained Dr. McDonald, who has taught courses on early North American and Atlantic world history, as well as museum studies at Stockton. "Historians working on the Caribbean have often felt welcomed, for example, in Latin American history associations – why is it that they have less often found a place among those who study North America?"

The panelists focused on topics ranging from colonization and trade to slavery, race and abolition.

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#### The Office of Human Resources Welcomes Bart Musitano

Bart Musitano joins the staff of the Offce of Human Resources as pension and benefts manager, succeeding Kathy Franzese, who retired on June 30.

He previously worked in health and pensions for 19 years as benefits manager at Atlantic Cape Community College.

He has also served Atlantic Cape as a senior adjunct instructor of United States History for the past 15 years.

Musitano graduated from Stockton in 1993 with a B.A. in Political Science. He is "very happy to be back at Stockton" as a member of the Human Resources team.

## **Construction Corner: K-Wing Elevator, Restrooms Now Closed**

The elevator between H & J wings and the adjacent restrooms have been reopened for public use.

This week, the K-Wing elevator was taken off-line. The upstairs and downstairs restrooms in the K-Wing will be closed during the elevator renovations, which are scheduled to be completed by August 31.

The K-Wing elevator is the last of the fve elevators to be upgraded in this phase of the project.

Any questions can be directed to Glenn Brown at <u>Glenn.Brown@stockton.edu</u> or ext. 4888.

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