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BEST-SELLING AUTHOR RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON FEATURED AT LAW IN TRIBECA SERIES

The latest in the Law in TriBeCa series, "Protect and Defend," will be held on Tues., Feb. 12, 6-8 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Richard North Patterson, author of best-seller Protect and Defend, will lead the all-star panel.

This panel of leading opinion-makers and legal scholars includes Alan Dershowitz, professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Sol Wachtler, former chief judge of the Court of Appeals; New York Law School Prof. Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union; Dean Richard A. Matasar, Jay Sekulow, chief counsel, American Center for Law and Justice; and teen counselors from the New York Civil Liberties Union's Teen Health Initiative.

The timely discussion will pivot around issues raised in Mr. Patterson's best-selling novel, *Protect and Defend*, in which a newly elected president faces the unexpected chance to nominate a new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. His first choice is a female federal appellate judge whose nomination faces two serious obstacles: a long-held personal secret, and her ruling on a volatile abortion case that pits a 15-year-old girl against her "pro-life" parents.

Richard North Patterson is the prize-winning author of 11 novels, including seven consecutive international best sellers. Formerly a trial lawyer, Mr. Patterson also served as an Ohio Assistant Attorney General and as SEC liaison to the Watergate Special Prosecutor. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the Case Western Reserve School of Law.

Mr. Patterson will be available to sign copies of Protect and Defend at the end of the program. Copies of the book are available for sale at a discount at the NYLS Barnes & Noble Bookstore and at the event.

Reservations are required as space is limited. RSVP: 431-2802.

The "Law in TriBeCa" series is co-sponsored by the TriBeCa Partnership and New York Law School.

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Mock Trial features characters from Oz

Murder, theft and colorful mayhem will fill the docket when a Kansas schoolgirl is put on trial in *People of the Wizardom of* Oz v. Dorothy Gale on Mon., Feb. 5 during the seventh Annual Mock Trial. The program begins at 5 pm in the Stiefel Reading Room.

Sponsored by the SBA and NYLS, the Mock Trial of 2001 is part of the "Law in TriBeCa" series presented in conjunction with the TriBeCa Partnership. The evening's proceedings will feature familiar characters in a new setting-the courtroom.

Costumed students, alumni and faculty will appear in a wide range of roles and may even break into song and dance. This year, most of the featured students happen to be members of the Class of 2001. Defendant Dorothy Gale will be portrayed by Adrienne Guinta. Her defense attorneys will be NYLS alumnus I. Bryce Moses '92 and students Ikiesha Al-Shabazz and Jessica La Marche.

Witnesses for the defense will include Dorothy's Auntie Em (Prof. Nadine Strossen, president of the ACLU), along with the Cowardly Lion (Alexandra Standish), Scarecrow (Prof. Eugene Cerruti) and Tin Man (Michael Moore).

Jim Iniguez '95 leads the prosecution team, which includes students Mike Bigelow and Natalie Suarez. Glinda, Good Witch of the East (Preethi Sekharan) and Miss Elvira Gulch (Nicole LaDuca, 1L evening) will testify for the prosecution whose star witness may indeed be the Great and Powerful Wizard of Oz. Other surprise appearances are also expected.

NYLS Adjunct Professor Gerald Lebovits again presides as judge. Marisol Martinez will serve as the baliff. The audience will serve as the jury following the final arguments.

Though a fictional story inspires this year's event, the Mock Trial is not a play. Participants do not follow a script, nor is there a predetermined outcome.

Robert Ward, NYLS manager of audio-visual services, is the producer of the Mock Trial which is recorded each year. Admission is free.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

For more information on the following, visit the Office of Career Services (fifth floor, B building) or call 431-2345. RSVP for all Career Services programs using the On-line Resource Center. Career programs are videotaped.

Introduction to Career Services programs

Students are invited to meet the Career Services staff on Tues., Jan. 30, 1 pm, Student Center. Learn about the Online Resource Center, upcoming programs, the Alumni Mentor Project, and more. Refreshments will be served.

Networking Lunch Series features alumni practicing in New Media law field

The Networking Lunch Series connects students with alumni/ae practicing in various fields of law. The luncheon on Wed., Jan. 31 will feature six experts in the field of New Media law. Their specialties range from the Internet to telecommunications. Guest speakers will be NYLS Prof. Michael Botein, director of the Communications Media Center; Fred Cederqvist '94, attorney, AT&T; Bruce Colfin '80, partner, Jacobson & Colfin, PC; Peter Johnson '96, associate, Debevoise & Plimpton and NYLS adjunct professor; Randy Monkarsh '94, and Tracy Pulito '00, associates, Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP.

The lunch will begin at 1 pm in the Wellington Conference Center.

RSVP: Online Resource Center. Seating is limited.

Special walk-in hours for first-year students

Special walk-in hours for reviewing resumes are available to first-year students from Tues., Jan. 16 through Tues. Feb. 6, 11 am-1 pm. Additional times are available by appointment.

Career Services Resource Center tours

Career Services Resource Center tours will be held on Feb. 6, 1 pm and 5:15 pm, and Feb. 15, 1 pm, the Career Services Resource Center. Designed to introduce students to the numerous resources available, the 20-minute tours (approximate time) show how these resources can be used effectively in a job search. A full tour schedule is available on the Online Resource Center.

How to interview with a judge seminar

Learn valuable tips on interviewing with judges on Thurs., Feb. 1, 1 pm, room B500. Faculty and students who have obtained postgraduate clerkships will share how interviewing with judges differs from interviews with other employers. Lunch will be served to the first 20 students who respond. RSVP: On-line Resource Center.

Public Interest Career information seminar

Public Interest Career Information Seminar will be held on Wed., Feb. 7, 1 pm, room A700.

Learn about the variety of summer and permanent career opportunities available in public interest and legal services organizations as well as government agencies.

Adjua Starks, associate director of Career Services and public interest coordinator, will lead the seminar and will discuss procedures for applying for a NYLS 2001 Summer Public Interest fellowship.

All students are welcome, and first-year students are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served to the first 20 students. RSVP: On-line Resource Center.

PSLawNet/Public Interest Job Search Training

PSLawNet/Public Interest Job Search Training will be held on Thurs., Feb. 8, 1 pm, Resource Center.

Learn about the Public Services Law Network (PSLawNet) database, one of the most extensive resources for identifying summer internships and fellowships, permanent positions and post-graduate fellowships in the public interest and government sectors. Seating is limited. RSVP: On-line Resource Center.

Wanda's Resource Tips

These resources for media-related careers are located in the Career Services Resource Center:

□ Alternative Careers for Lawyers - Contains profiles of lawyers who are TV personalities, talent agents, and news anchors. Also lists writers, media personalities, and sports organization professionals who are lawyers.

□ Entertainment Law Careers and Careers in Sports Law -These books provide profiles of attorneys pursuing legal and non-legal careers in these industries and include realistic descriptions of hiring trends, strategies for entering these practice areas, and lists of law firms, organizations and related publications. (Available in the Mendik Library).

□ Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers - Contains a short discussion of media opportunities. (Available in the Mendik Library).

Also, "Careers in the Media" brochures are available on the wall rack.

Read next week's *Counselor* for information on Labor & Employment Resources.

- TO ACCESS THE CAREER SERVICES ONLINE RESOURCE Center/Emplawyernet[™], go to www.emplawyernet.com; enter your career services ID and password and click on the "Programs and Events Calendar" icon.

About Counselor

Counselor is published weekly when school is in session by the Office of Development and Public Affairs. The next issue of *Counselor* will be published on Mon., Feb. 5. Students who wish to submit information to *Counselor* should write to the Office of Student Life, 5th floor, A bldg, by 9 am Monday for the following Monday's edition. Faculty and staff should e-mail copy via *counselor@nyls.edu* to Donna Spalter, assistant director of communications and public relations, by noon Tuesday for the next Monday's issue. Contact Ms. Spalter at 431-2187 with questions or to request an editorial schedule.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER's opinion piece on "The -Worst of the Worst" and the death penalty appeared on the front page of the Washington Post "Outlook" section in December. The article, in which Prof. Blecker recounts his visits to Lorton Central Prison, has subsequently run in over 20 leading newspapers in all regions of the country.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR JUDITH BRESLER, chair of the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section of the NYS Bar Association, lectured at a November CLE program on "Expert Opinions and Liabilities" focusing on various aspects of copyright law and the affect of infringement on value. "Attorneys and Appraisers: Forging Professional Relationships: The Law and Business of Art" was presented in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Appraisers Association of America in NYC.

PROFESSOR CAROL BUCKLER served as a discussion facilitator and participant at a Legal Aid 2000 Conference in December. Organized by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Budapest, the conference was part of an effort by the UNHCR to support the development of law clinics in Central and Eastern European countries.

PROFESSOR DAVID CHANG's article "Selling the Market-Driven Message: Commercial Television, Consumer Sovereignty, and the First Amendment" was published in the Minnesota Law Review.

PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN was a panelist for a standing-room-only program, "The Mainland China-Taiwan-USA Dilemma: Legacy of the Cold War," presented by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in November.

This semester, he is again working in Taiwan where he gives a weekly international broadcast on Radio Tapei and a weekly news commentary on Formosa TV in Taiwanese. Prof. Chen also writes columns in Chinese for the *Liberty Times*, the leading newspaper there.

Prof. Chen was a principle panelist at the Policy Sciences Annual Institute at Yale Law School in October 2000. He discussed the role of the policy scientist in the decision-making process. He is establishing the US counterpart to the Lungchu Chen New Century Foundation, a think tank he founded in Taiwan.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR DAVID L. FERSTENDIG published a chapter entitled "Motions, Orders and Stays." in the O. Chase, Weinstein, Korn and Miller, CPLR Manual Rev. ed., Supp. 2000. PROFESSOR ANNETTE GORDON-REED discussed Thomas Jefferson on the History Channel's four-part documentary "The Founding Fathers." In addition to airing in November, her segment is part of the study guide for teachers on the History Channel's website. Prof. Gordon-Reed has been elected to the American Antiquarian Society. She also serves on the advisory board for the International Center for Jefferson Studies.

PROFESSOR JEFFREY HAAS was quoted in Business Week on Sept. 11 on the ethical dilemma of outside corporate advisors receiving stock as compensation from their clients. He also was quoted on the efficacy of tracking stock in enhancing corporate shareholder value as part of Jane Bryant Quinn's syndicated business column in over 20 newspapers on Nov. 19 including the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and the Orlando Sentinel.

PROFESSOR SETH HARRIS was quoted in two November stories on the presidential transition. The pieces appeared in the Dallas Morning News and on ABC News.com. His op-ed "A Short Transition (Thank Goodness)" appeared in the Washington Post and subsequently ran in many newspapers in December. The Legal Times, a Washington, DC weekly magazine, quoted Prof. Harris in a discussion of the effect of Ralph Nader's candidacy on the developing labor-environmental coalition.

Prof. Harris was interviewed in November on "Channel 7 Eyewitness News" about the US Department of Labor's new regulations governing ergonomics.

PROFESSOR JETHRO LIEBERMAN was interviewed by *Newsday* for a Dec. 14 story analyzing the Supreme Courts reversal of the Florida Supreme Courts recent decision.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR LEONARD was the principal speaker on a November Seton Hall University Law School panel discussing the Boy Scouts of America v. Dale decision by the US Supreme Court. The event was co-sponsored by the Seton Hall Constitutional Law Journal, the School's Public Interest Coalition, and the lesbian and gay student group. Prof. Leonard's talk was based on his paper on the Supreme Court decision that will appear in the Stanford Journal of Law & Public Policy. VISITING PROFESSOR LARRY LEVINE's second edition of Understanding Torts, a torts treatise has just been published by Lexis/Matthew Bender. Prof. Levine, who was a visiting professor in fall 2000, is co-author of the book.

DEAN RICHARD A. MATASAR was a presenter during the American Association of Law Schools' annual meeting during the first week of January. He spoke on "Distance Education in Law Schools: Rhetoric vs. Reality: Passion vs. Practicality." His article "The Ten Commandments of Faculty Development," was published in the *Toledo Law Review* (31 Toledo L. Rev. 665, 2000).

PROFESSOR DENISE MORGAN co-authored and filed the *amicus brief* that produced Judge Leland DeGrasse decisive victory for plaintiffs in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. New York State.* The court held that "the education provided New York City students is so deficient that it falls below the constitutional floor set by the Education Article of the New York State Constitution. She discussed the case on CNN and in *Newsday.*

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN presented a paper on outpatient commitment at the Law and Mental Disability section meeting at the recent AALS conference. The paper, "The Only Sound That's Left/After The Ambulances Go/Is Cinderella Sweeping Up/On Desolation Row: Cognitive Dissonance And Outpatient Commitment Laws," will be published in a symposium issue of *Psychology*, *Public Policy & Law*.

At Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center he gave a grand rounds talk on the implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act for incompetency and insanity evaluations in misdemeanor and petty felony cases and also in December in an ethics panel review meeting.

Prof. Perlin traveled to Estonia and Latvia under the auspices of Mental Disability Rights International, a Washington, DC, human rights advocacy office. He presented workshops to the staff of the Estonian Psychiatric Patients' Advocacy Association in Tallinn and in Riga.

He was quoted in the Newark Star-Ledger on issues related to sexually violent predator laws. Volume 3 of the second edition of his treatise "Mental Disability Law: Civil and Criminal" has been published by Lexis Law Publishing. His article "I Ain' t Gonna Work on Maggie's Farm No More: Institutional Segregation, Community Treatment, the ADA, and the Promise of Olmstead v. LC" has been published in a special mental disability law symposium issue of the Thomas Cooley Law Review. His article "What's Good Is Bad, What's Bad Is Good, You'll Find Out When You Reach The Top, You' re on The Bottom: Are The Americans With Disabilities Act (and Olmstead v. LC). Anything More Than an Idiot Wind?" will be published in an upcoming ADA symposium in the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. On Jan. 19, Prof. Perlin spoke on his book The Hidden Prejudice: Mental Disability on Trial at a faculty development workshop at Hastings Law School. On Jan. 21, Prof. Perlin presented a day-long workshop to the American Academy of Forenisc Psychology on criminal law and mental disability in San Jose, CA.

PROFESSOR TANINA ROSTAIN was quoted on the need for lawyers to do *pro bono* work in the Jan. 22 issue of *The New*. York *Times*.

PROFESSOR RUDY PERITZ will teach half-time next year to work as the Senior Research Fellow with the American Antitrust Institute in Washington, DC. His first project will involve antitrust law and innovation economics.

While in England, he gave a talk in November. on "Toward a Political Economy of The New" at a roundtable discussion on novelty, sponsored by the Centre for Theoretical Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Essex, UK.

PROFESSOR EDWARD SAMUELS' book review of Laser: The Inventor, the Nobel Laureate, and the 30-Year Patent War, by Nick Taylor, appeared in the December 2000 issue of Wired Magazine. He also taped an interview about copyright for the NYLS Center for Communication Media's cable broadcast on the "Media Reporter." The show will air in regional cable TV and radio outlets.

PROFESSOR RICHARD SHERWIN accepted an invitation to contribute to a chapter in Blackwell Companion to Law and Society, which focuses on the newly emerging field "law in popular culture." This volume brings together 25 of the leading law and society scholars from the US and abroad. A revier of Prof. Sherwin's book When Law Goes Pop: the Vanishing Line Between Law and Popular Culture appeared in the Dec. 10 issue of The New York Times Book Review, as well as SF Life, the Jurist, Findlaw, and the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. The book ranked number five on Barnes and Nobles' best books about law list.

Excerpts from the book may be found in "Winning over the Jury" on tompaine.com and on Findlaw in "Henry Ward Beecher's Trial." An additional excerpt appeared in Columbia's Law magazine in November. The book was featured in the fall issue of NYLS alumni magazine, In Brief. It will also be featured the Boston College Law magazine. Prof. Sherwin also taped an interview about his book for cable broadcast on the "Media Reporter."

PROFESSOR MICHAEL SINCLAIR's A Guide to Statutory Interpretation was published last year by Matthew Bender.

PROFESSOR JAMES SIMON appeared on MSNBC on Brian Williams' show during virtually round-the-clock coverage of the 2001 presidential election. He was featured in two Associated Press stories, which appeared in many newspapers throughout the country, often on the front page. At the end November, AP interviewed him about whether the Supreme Court justice's individual politics and personalities could ultimately determine the outcome. Prof. Simon discussed Chief

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Justice Rehnquist in an AP story that ran in more than two dozen newspapers on Dec. 4, the day the Court handed down their decision regarding the Florida vote recount. He was also quoted in a front-page story in the *Baltimore Sun* where he discussed the "swing votes" of Justice O'Connor and Kennedy.

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN has made many appearances, discussing a wide range of civil liberties issues. During November, she spoke at many leading schools, including Nova Southeastern University Law School and North Carolina State University. At Kent State University, she spoke on "Women's Rights and Pornography" at the University's Women's Resource Center.

She was interviewed for TV documentaries on the Guiliani administration's free speech violations and on feminist perspectives regarding pornography, and appeared on "Politically Incorrect" on Dec. 15. She was the featured speaker at awards ceremonies for the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union and for Minnesota lawyers, and addressed the annual National Lawyers Convention of the Federalist Society regarding recent developments in First Amendment Law. Prof. Strossen delivered the keynote address, "New Frontiers for Sex and the Law," at the National Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, discussed a new book about feminism and firearms at the American Society of Criminology's annual conference. She spoke at the largest international conference in history to mobilize against the death penalty and was interviewed by Swiss Public Radio regarding US efforts to curb capital punishment.

Prof. Strossen contributed to the "recommended readings" list for our new President featured in the December 2000 issue of *Reason* magazine. Her comments on the controversial photograph of Columbia University's Prof. Edward Said throwing a stone from Lebanon at an Israeli watchtower appeared in the Nov. 17 issue of *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

PROFESSOR RUTI TEITEL spoke about her book *Transitional Justice* (Oxford, 2000) at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center on Ethics & International Relations on Dec. 7. Also in December, she gave a talk on Transitional Justice as Liberal Narrative at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. Prof. Teitel spoke on the US death penalty as a violation of the right to life in a BBC interview for a program entitled "A Simple Guide to Human Rights."

PROFESSOR ANN F. THOMAS was quoted in Joe Concha's Dec. 22 column for Fox Sport Biz on taxation of the \$252 million contract Alex Rodriguez signed with the Texas Rangers. She estimated that Mr. Rodriguez would save \$11.6 million over the life of his contract if George W. Bush's \$1.3 trillion tax cut proposal is enacted. The article may be read at www.foxsports.com/business. MSNBC also featured her comments.

In September, she was quoted in the NYCOSH Update on Health and Safety on the DeWine-Hyde Asbestos Company Tax Relief (Bill H.R.4543). This bill would have allowed corporations to claim tax refunds going back more than 40 years to the first year in which they produced asbestos, based upon the promise that the refunds would be "devoted solely to asbestos claimant compensation and related costs." Her comments noted that it is very unusual to get a tax refund

based upon promises of future action. "the bill lacked any enforcement or recoupment mechanism or any time limit on meeting the expenditure requirement."

Summer housing available at the St. George

Summer housing for the 2001 summer term (June 16-Aug. 15) is available at the St. George Residence Hall in Brooklyn Heights. During this period, a small room will cost \$600 per month and a large single room will cost \$750 per month.

Interested students must e-mail your name, phone number, date of graduation, and room size preference to *housing@nyls.edu* by Fri., Feb. 16. E-mail requests will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Students who wish to rent a room for less than the two months period should indicate this in the e-mail and the housing staff will try to accommodate you. Note: preference will be given to current residents and to those who can commit to the full summer lease period. For further information, call 431-2166.

From the Mendik Library

Required first-year Lexis training will be held in the Mendik Library, Jan. 29-Feb. 17. All first-year students have been assigned a training time. Students unable to attend scheduled sessions must sign up for either one of the 14 open sessions being offered during the training period, or one of the three Lexis Introductory/Basic classes offered between February 22-April 2.

Times and sign-up sheets for all the open sessions and Basic /Introductory classes may be found in a binder on the circulation desk of the Mendik Library.

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	JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4
1/29-2/17	REQUIRED FIRST-YEAR LEXIS TRAINING
	(Additional dates: 2/22-4/2)
MONDAY 1/29	NYLS/BAR 2001 KICKOFF
	5:30-6:20 pm, the Stiefel Room. Open to all NYLS students.
TUESDAY 1/30	 1st DEADLINE FOR M.P.R.E. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM Fist Test date: 3/9. Late application deadline: Feb. 15. Testing application packets available outside Registrar's Office. 2001 CLASS GIFT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1-2 pm, or Jan. 31, 5-6 pm 40 Worth St. suite 705 RSVP:Paige Bade Ankudovych, 431-2184, or e-mail at pankudovych@nyls.edu
	INTRO TO CAREER SERVICES RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS
	l pm, Student Center. Refreshments will be served.
WEDNESDAY 1/31	 THE APPELLATE BRIEF: WRITING THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE Workshop presented by Prof. Lynn Su, writing specialist. 12:30-2 pm. room A400. Repeats Sat., Feb. 3,11 am-12:30 pm, room A400. CAREER SERVICES NETWORKING LUNCH SERIES: "NEW MEDIA" l pm, Wellington Conference Center. RSVP: Online Resource Center.
	UPCOMING EVENTS
THURSDAY, 2/1	CAREER SERVICES HOW TO INTERVIEW WITH A JUDGE I pm, room B500. RSVP: On-line Resource Center
MONDAY 2/5	MOCK TRIAL OF DOROTHY GALE
TUESDAY 2/6 & THURS. 2/15	 5 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Admission is free. CAREER SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER TOURS pm and 5:15 pm; 1 pm (2/15) "SPIRITUAL HOME OF BLACK AMERICA: HARLEM 1900-29" Black History Month Art show opening reception, 5-6 pm, Student Center.
WEDNESDAY 2/7	Diack Filstory Month Art show opening reception, 9-0 pm, Student Center. South ASIAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION SOMOSA SALE 12:30-2 pm, Student Center
	CAREER SERVICES PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER INFO SEMINAR
	l pm, room A700. RSVP: On-line Resource Center D DEAN RICHARD A. MATASAR TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY 2/8	5-7 pm, Student Center. All welcome.
TUESDAY 2/12	1 pm, Resource Center. RSVP: On-line Resource Center
	6 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Featured speaker: Richard North Patterson, best-selling author of <i>Protect and Defend</i> . RSVP required: 431-2802.
TUESDAY 2/13	CAREER SERVICES ALLIANCE FOR INSURANCE & FINANCIAL PROS
WEDNESDAY 2/14	5-6:30 pm, Wellington Conference Center. RSVP: On-line Resource Center
	l pm, Wellington Conference Center, RSVP: On-line
FRIDAY 2/23	
	8:15-9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.Featured speaker Matthew Goldstein, chancellor City University of New York. RSVP: 241-2115.