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You're Invited!

CAPE/Kendal invite you to our Fall Happy Hour! We will be partnering with Kendal of Ithaca to host a social on Thursday, October 24th from 4-6pm in the Kendal Auditorium. Bring a friend; come have fun! There will be an array of appetizers and drinks, music and good company. See you there!



Now Accepting Applications for the 2020 Podell Research and Scholarship Program

The Cornell Academics and Professors Emeriti (CAPE) is pleased to announce the Podell Research and Scholarship Program for 2020. Cornell Alumnus, Albert Podell ('58) generously supports research and scholarship related to making the world a better place to live. Representative topics of study could include:

- Enhancing the World's Food Supply
- Improving Education
- Energy Supply and Demand
- Alleviation of Poverty
- Keeping Communities Healthy
- Economic Well Being
- Law and Conflict Resolution
- Water and Land Resource

Due to the wide array of their professional interests, applications are welcome from all fields of study at Cornell. Hence, the above topics are to be interpreted in the broadest sense, including their relation to the humanities and social sciences. Award funds can be used for, among other things, the cost of books, equipment, postage, supplies, and wages for assistants, essential travel, and technical support. If you would like a more extensive list of guidelines and ideas, please contact the CAPE Office.

Applications should include a concise, double-spaced description of the proposed study, its significance, a specific budget, a current, selective CV, relevant publications and extracurricular lectures. Applications should not exceed 4-5 pages in length. CAPE has established a PEARS Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals and to make recommendations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will administer the funds through the grantee's department. Applications must be submitted by November 1, 2019. Submit applications via U.S. mail to: CAPE, 229 Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 or e-mailed to cape@cornell.edu. If you have any questions, call the CAPE office at (607) 255-6608. The announcement of the PEARS awards will be made January 2020.

CAPE LECTURE SERIES – Fall 2019
10:30-11:30am -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium
(come any time after 10am for refreshments)

Thursday, September 19th – Steven Strogatz, Applied Mathematics, “What’s the big deal about calculus?”

10:30-11:30am -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium (come any time after 10am for refreshments)

Everyone has heard of calculus, but why is it so important? Millions of high school and college students feel compelled to take calculus, but many would be hard-pressed to explain what the subject is about or why it matters. Some of their teachers might feel the same way.

In this talk, I’ll try to clarify the fantastic idea at the heart of calculus. With the help of pictures and stories, I’ll trace where calculus came from and then show how it – in partnership with medicine, philosophy, science, and technology – reshaped the course of civilization and helped make the world modern. This talk is intended for everyone, whether you’ve taken calculus or not, and whether you like math or not. By the end, I hope to convince you that calculus is one of the most imaginative and consequential triumphs of human creativity ever.

Thursday, October 17th (2:30 pm) – Chip Aquadro, Molecular Biology and Genetics (note time change!)

2:30-3:30pm -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium * (come any time after 2PM for refreshments)

Thursday, **November 7th – Sid Tarrow, Government, “News, Fake News, and Deep Fakes: Deceptions and Scams in the Age of Trump”** 10:30-11:30am – BTI (come any time after 10am for refreshments)

Changes in the law, technological innovations, and the rise of “citizen journalism” have recently combined to yield “fake news,” as illustrated by the distortion of a recent speech by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to make it seem as if she was intoxicated or unwell. In an earlier effort, with Michael C. Dorf, we found that the First Amendment, as construed by the Supreme Court, offers scant protection for activist journalists to go undercover to uncover wrongdoing, while providing substantial protection for the spread of falsehoods.¹ By providing activists the means to reach sympathetic slices of the public, the emergence of social media has blurred the lines between journalism and activism, at the expense of purportedly objective and truthful reporting. Does the coming of the Trump movement and the advent of “deep fakes” pose a risk to the decline of political discourse in America?

Thursday, December 5th, Mary Beth Norton, History , “1774: The Long Year of Revolution”

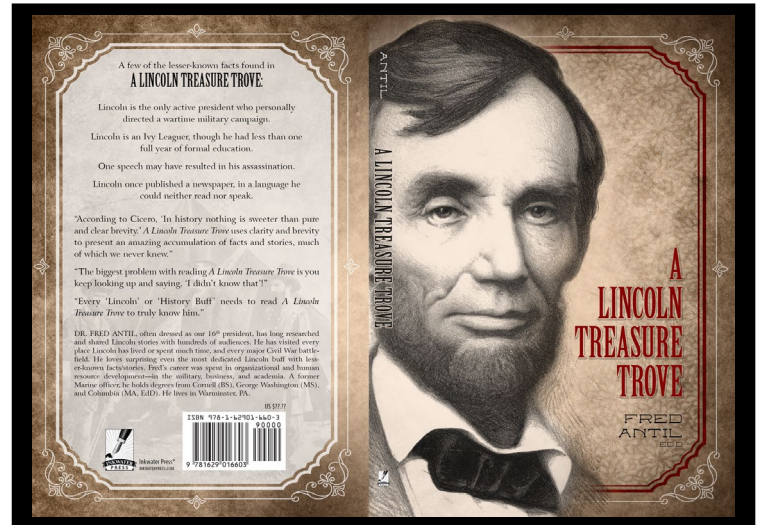
10:30-11:30am -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium (come any time after 10am for refreshments; we have business reports/announcements at 10:20)

Mary Beth Norton, the Mary Donlon Alger Professor of American History Emerita, will give us a preview of her new book (forthcoming in February 2020, from Alfred A. Knopf), a narrative history of the “long year” of 1774, or the months from December 1773 to April 1775, which have tended to be overlooked by historians who focus instead on the war for independence. But John Adams, who lived through that era, declared that the true revolution took place in the minds of the people before a shot was fired at Lexington. The year 1774, Norton argues in her book and in this talk, was when that revolution occurred.

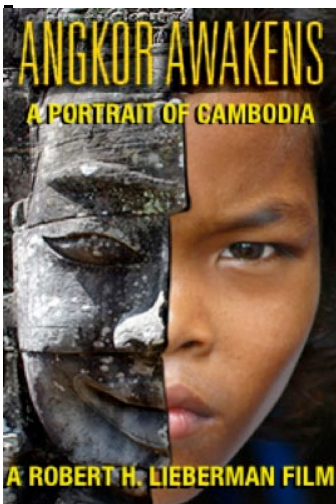
¹ Michael C. Dorf and Sidney Tarrow, “Stings and Scams: Fake News, the First Amendment and the New Activist Journalism,” *U. of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 20: <https://scholarship.law.upenn.edu/jcl/vol20/iss1/1>

About Our Colleagues

Fred Antil '55, former class president, and former Secretary/Treasurer of CAPE (Cornell Academics & Professors Emeriti), has published "*A Lincoln Treasure Trove*." Fred has been giving Lincoln presentations for over thirty years. As Lincoln he kicked off the first CACO (Cornell Association of Class Officers) meeting in 100 years not held in NYC. He also narrates the opening and closing of the Gettysburg Address on the CornellCast video of Cornell's copy of the Gettysburg Address. His book credits his good friend Chuck Feeney '56, Cornell's largest benefactor, for getting him into his Lincoln "thing." It also mentions a number of Lincoln and Cornell (and other Ivy League schools) connections.



Robert H. Lieberman, Physics and Learning Strategies Center, has published a film. To view a sample of our new film "**Angkor Awakens — A Portrait of Cambodia**" go to: <http://www.angkorawakens.com>



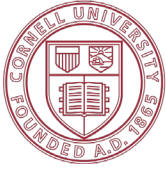
"'Angkor Awakens,' a blistering account of Cambodia's painful past...The graphic evidence here, in testimony on camera and in period photographs, is absolutely harrowing...deftly covering the history...it offers hope to a badly scarred nation." — [The New York Times](#)

"...as an analytical narrative of tragedy, testimony and a way ahead, it has an undeniable power." — [The Los Angeles Times](#)

"'Angkor Awakens' takes an intimate look at a country emerging from trauma...it is the uncharted future of Cambodia, as much as the past, that concerns filmmaker Robert H. Lieberman in his intimate, deeply humane documentary." — [The Washington Post](#)

<http://www.roberthlieberman.com>, Ithaca Filmworks

"About Our Colleagues" is a featured selection. We are interested in what members are doing. Feel free to send along any news, updates, comments, etc. that you would like to share with your colleagues. Please limit your update to a small paragraph or two and send it to the CAPE office or via email: cape@cornell.edu.



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CAPE Member, David Stipanuk is an enthusiastic supporter of the Ithaca MobilePack and invites you to participate! Founded in 1987, MobilePack provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. People involved in this are very energized by the experience.

"I participated for two nights at St. Catherine's and it was an incredible experience for me. Humbling, exciting (we helped cross the threshold of 2,000,000 meals packed by Ithacans) and deeply meaningful. We watched the videos, heard stories, met and laughed with new other volunteers and were actively engaged in the scooping, preparing and packing the meals." – Diane Bradac, Work/Life Consultant

2019 will be the 10th year of the Ithaca MobilePack with plans to pack ~350,000 dried meals from September 25th-29th. Thanks to those who have signed up!! **The MobilePack team would use extra hands on Thursday and Friday,**

September 26th & 27th, from 12pm-2pm (and additionally 3-5pm on Friday). If you time to spare, we would love to have you! All packing is at St Catherine of Siena church located off Hanshaw Road near the Country Club. Our goal this year is to have an even greater turnout!. Spread the word! Invite a friend! – we have something for everyone -- sitting, standing, packing, and, as always, the "best fun you will ever have in a hairnet"! If you want to join us and many of your friends and colleagues, contact David Stipanuk (contact info below) to register/signup or you can register here:

<https://ithacamobilepack.org/> (this is also a great resource for getting to know Ithaca MobilePack and the millions of meals packed by 1,000s of folks from Ithaca over the past 9 years).

We hope you can join us to pack food for children in need!

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