

Education/Careers Ones to Watch

Heather Bennett

Assistant Professor
St. Joseph's College

Bennett teaches introductory biology and upper-division courses in marine biology, ecology and vertebrate zoology at St. Joseph's in Patchogue. Broadly trained as a marine zoologist/biological oceanographer, she specializes in invertebrate zoology. This fall, she will begin a research program using live octopuses as models for limb regeneration, and will provide hands-on research opportunities for students. Her research interests also include barrier island ecology; she has worked on projects on St. Catherine's Island, Ga., and the Chincoteague/Assateague National Seashores in Virginia and Delaware.

Robert-Wayne Harris

Vice President of Professional Development
Teq

Harris brought 20 years of experience as an educator to his new role at Teq, a Huntington Station-based provider of educational technology and professional development. In his most recent role, Harris served as superintendent of the Roosevelt School District, where he built the technology and professional development infrastructure. Prior to that, he was assistant superintendent of curriculum, school improvement, professional development and planning for Freeport Public Schools. He received national recognition for his leadership and ability to bring reform and raise student achievement in low-performing school districts.

Patrick Hearing

Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology
Stony Brook University

A Stony Brook professor for 30 years, Hearing was recently selected to become a member of the National Institutes of Health's recombinant DNA advisory committee, which advises the NIH director. He will serve on the committee, which is made up of about 20 national experts in various fields, for the next four years. The educator's laboratory research focuses on

the DNA tumor virus "Adenovirus," its implications in cancer and the development of gene therapies for treatments. Hearing holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Northwestern University.

Scott Mandia

Meteorology Professor
Suffolk County Community College

The American Geophysical Union recently presented Mandia with its AGU Ambassador Award and named him a Union Fellow, in recognition of his contributions to the earth and space sciences. Mandia helped found the Climate Science Rapid Response Team, which matches journalists with scientists to enable the media to better explain climate change and meteorological phenomena. He also co-founded the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund, to assist scientists when they face legal scrutiny of their work. In 2011, the White House asked Mandia to present research about the impact of large-scale climate change on severe thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Gary Miller

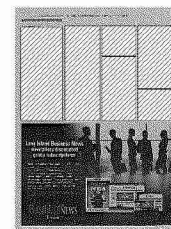
Executive Director, Career Center
Hofstra University

Miller is a career counseling and academic advisement administrator with more than two decades of experience. Prior to joining Hofstra University, Miller held various roles at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, including assistant director of career services and senior assistant dean of the academic advising program. His resume also includes a stint as senior counselor and acting director of the Robinson School of Business at Georgia State University, and as senior counselor and assistant director of the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Gary Shaw

Interim Director, Center for Innovation in Business,
Law & Technology
Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center

A professor at the Central Islip law school, Shaw was recently tapped to serve



as interim director of the Center for Innovation in Business, Law & Technology, which he was instrumental in developing 15 years ago. Created to address the potential legal implications that technology has on society, the center is dedicated to teaching law students about the opportunities and risks technology brings to the business world. As interim director, Shaw will oversee the center's programs, including business technology law student externships and the hosting and sponsorship of conferences.

