

## SU PEOPLE



Larry Seivert

## CAMPUS LEADER

WHEN LARRY SEIVERT '10 ARRIVED AT SYRACUSE University as a first-year student, he swore he would stay away from student government. After three years of serving as high school class president in Orchard Park, New York, Seivert wanted a break. "I got here and I said, 'No, I am not going to devote my life to student government. I'm going to make sure I put my academic success first,'" he says. "And by the second week, I had joined Student Association [SA]." After attending his first meeting of SU's student governing body, which lasted more than three hours, Seivert wanted more. He

became a cabinet member the following semester, and by January of his junior year, he had been elected president.

Seivert's participation in SA meant more to him than a line on his resume. "I kept loving it," he says. "It was such a demanding job, but it was an opportunity to really see what this University does and how it can act for its students." During his year in office, he worked to ensure that SA gave students a voice in University decision-making, inviting their input on SA issues in town hall meetings and one-on-one conversations. "The joy I really had in this job was working with so many other students—some of the best and brightest on this campus," says Seivert, who also served as a student representative on the SU Board of Trustees. Under Seivert's leadership, the association added study space in the Schine Student Center, organized fan buses for out-of-town athletic events, increased dining hall hours, and provided free shuttle buses to the airport and transportation center to help students get home for Thanksgiving break.

As Seivert's term ended in December, he looked forward to having time to bike, run, and read up on business news. He remains involved in campus activities as a member of the Delta Sigma Pi professional fraternity and Phi Kappa Alpha men's honorary fraternity, and as a resident advisor in Brewster Hall. "Being an RA allows me to gain perspectives from students who are not in my class year," he says. "They have their own interests and issues. Helping them work through the challenges they face helps me work through my own challenges."

Seivert will graduate in May from the Whitman School with a degree in finance and supply chain management and start a full-time job with General Electric's Financial Management Program in July. He doubts he'll keep away from community service for long, though. "I don't really enjoy the politics of things," he says. "I just like representing people and making sure that we're making the right decisions."

Seivert says he will leave SU with true friendships and a strong sense of pride in his college experience. "I've learned how to collaborate with people with many different views," he says. "It has really allowed me to grow by giving me an understanding of how to work with a team that is achieving so many different goals."

—Tory Marlin



## Anthony Callisto Jr. | ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

ANTHONY CALLISTO JR. G'98, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF THE Department of Public Safety (DPS), has dedicated his career to effective civic-minded law enforcement in Central New York, and gained a national reputation for success. A lifelong resident of the Syracuse area, Callisto took charge of DPS in 2006 after serving 25 years with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, including more than a decade as chief deputy. Although Callisto had not planned a transition into university public safety, the right job found him at the right time. "Just as I was approaching retirement eligibility at the sheriff's office, I learned that SU was about to transform its campus security operation to campus law enforcement," says Callisto, referring to 2004 state legislation that allowed DPS officers to qualify as "peace officers," a status giving them full arrest powers. "When I heard a national search was on for a deputy chief, I applied. I think it was a good fit all the way around."

No stranger to campus, Callisto earned a master's degree in public administration at the Maxwell School and had worked as a consultant and instructor in Maxwell's Executive Education Program since 2001. Moreover, he arrived at the job with a thorough knowledge of all the police agencies sharing jurisdiction with DPS. Callisto's reputation and personal relationships with officials in these organizations have been particularly helpful in implementing the kind of innovative programs he is known for. Orange Watch is a case in point. When Chancellor Nancy Cantor asked Callisto how the University could reduce crime in the immediate off-campus areas, Callisto worked with his leadership team to develop a plan to establish a regular DPS presence during the hours when students are most vulnerable. Having SU officers step over campus boundaries onto city streets may

sound simple, but similar plans have failed elsewhere over jurisdictional disputes. Well aware of this, Callisto met separately with Syracuse police officials and union leaders, laying out the plan and letting them know the intention was to assist their efforts, not take jobs or reduce services. "I assured them that our officers, in uniform and in marked vehicles, would act as eyes and ears for city police," he says. Callisto has since moved ahead with a variety of crime-prevention measures. A closed circuit television system, fed by 106 cameras thus far, is up and running, monitored around the clock in the DPS Communications Center. The Shuttle-U-Home and Safety Marshal Escort services, offering students DPS safety escorts from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m., have increased capacity. The Orange Alert System, a crisis notification network, has been enhanced with outdoor sirens. "We're going over to a new radio system that will give our officers access to city, county, and state officers on the radios they carry on their persons and in their vehicles," Callisto says.

Callisto, who is known to Syracuse pop music fans as a trumpet and saxophone player, has been honored for a list of professional and community service activities, impressive in both variety and length. An inductee of the New York State Correctional Trainers Association Hall of Fame, he is a recipient of the Syracuse/Onondaga County Human Rights Commission Award as well. A past president of the American Jail Association, he currently heads the Food Bank of Central New York and, since January, the Central New York Association of Chiefs of Police. "It's a great personal honor," says Callisto, the first chief of a university force to lead the association. "But I also think it speaks to our position in the law enforcement community as a recognized agency that is providing leadership to the region."

—David Marc



Keith Bybee

## COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION

KEITH BYBEE COVERS A LOT OF GROUND IN AMERICAN culture. A member of the committee of SU law professors chosen by the American Bar Association to evaluate the qualifications of two U.S. Supreme Court nominees, Bybee is equally at ease comparing the sarcasm of TV's Judge Judy with the more authoritative approach of Judge Wapner on the original *People's Court*. Public perception of the U.S. legal system is a central focus of Bybee's research and teaching, and he finds much to suggest that artifice is at least as influential as fact when it comes to forming the public's view of the courts. "Legal procedures, while stately, are pretty boring for most people," he says, citing the failure of Court TV and other attempts to package actual court proceedings as entertainment. "But if the images the courts themselves produce are not quite ready for prime time, you have other people intervening to manage, manufacture, and frame those appearances. We see this in the popular TV 'judges,' and in television courtroom dramas, such as *Law and Order*."

Theatrical representation of the legal system often extends to the treatment of Supreme Court nominees, who are typically introduced to the public through televised sessions of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Bybee points to the hearings for Justice Sonia Sotomayor, whose supporters tended to focus on her feel-good personal success story, while opponents repeatedly turned the conversation back to a few lines from a talk she gave to law students concerning a single controversial case. "What generates political attention is often not a fair representation of the whole record," Bybee says.

A Princeton graduate who earned a doctorate at the University of California, San Diego, Bybee came from Harvard in 2002 to join the Maxwell School political science faculty as Michael O. Sawyer Chair of Constitutional Law and Politics and senior research associate at the Campbell Public Affairs Institute. When scholars from the College of Law and the Maxwell and Newhouse schools formed the Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM) in 2006, Bybee's personal brand of inquiry, seamlessly spanning legal studies, the humanities, and the social sciences, made him a natural choice for founding director. His position at the nexus of so many interdependent concerns was again instrumental in his appointment as the first Alper Judiciary Studies Professor at the College of Law. "The Alper professorship is designed primarily to support the interdisciplinary activities of the institute," Bybee says. "The Alpers have been there for IJPM from its inception, providing insight and energy as well as financial support."

Bybee's ability to speak to audiences across disciplines and professions has made him a sought-after writer, editor, and lecturer. His 1999 book, *Mistaken Identity*, was described by a reviewer as "a meticulous...and rich reading of the judicial history of the Voting Rights Act." Bybee's newest title, *All Judges are Political—Except When They are Not: Acceptable Hypocrisies and the Rule of Law*, to be published this fall, examines the seemingly enigmatic coexistence among Americans of widespread beliefs that the courts are biased in favor of one group or another, and an extraordinary willingness, even eagerness, to rely on the courts to right wrongs and render justice. "We have a contradictory judicial process that suits the contradictions in the people it governs," Bybee says. "I suggest it's the only kind of system that will work in a heterogeneous society, which is filled with irreducible disagreements and yet wishes to remain self-governed. It's just not possible to wait for all of us to agree on first principles in order to resolve disputes."

—David Marc



### PAUL E. AND THE HON. JOANNE F. ALPER '72 JUDICIARY STUDIES PROFESSOR

**Recipient:** Keith J. Bybee, College of Law and Department of Political Science, Maxwell School

**Background:** The Alper professorship is a faculty position at the College of Law established in 2009 with a gift from Joanne F. Alper, judge of the 17th Circuit Court of Virginia, and her husband, Paul, an attorney.

Ed Galvin

## PRESERVING UNIVERSITY HISTORY

IN THE EARLY '70S FOLLOWING SERVICE in the U.S. Army Reserve, Edward L. Galvin volunteered to help the historical society in his hometown of Winchester, Massachusetts, vacuum a collection of books that had been stored in an attic. "I kept looking at all the books and thinking, 'You have to get this organized,'" says the University archivist and director of Archives and Records Management. He soon joined the society's board and, when the town established an archival center as part of its bicentennial celebration, became the first archivist. During that time, he also worked as a genealogist for the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Galvin has been amassing information, preserving records, and digging through archives ever since. As University Archives marked its 50th anniversary in 2009, Galvin achieved a career milestone of his own: He was recognized as a 2009 Fellow of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) for outstanding contributions to the profession. Before arriving at SU in 1995, he managed archives at two engineering firms—MITRE Corp. in Massachusetts and Aerospace Corp. in California—and oversaw the local government records program for the New York State Archives and Records Management Administration in Albany. "I can still name most of the 62 counties," says Galvin, a certified archivist who holds a master's degree in historical agencies and administration from Northeastern University.

From their sixth-floor offices in Bird Library, Galvin and his four-member staff provide a vast array of services. They ensure that University legal documents and other records are properly stored, readily accessible, and disposed of at the appropriate time. They build and maintain a collection featuring nearly everything connected to SU, create exhibitions, manage an ever-growing web site ([archives.syr.edu](http://archives.syr.edu)), and field all sorts of queries—substantive, trivial, and otherwise. Amid all that, they must keep pace with the rapid changes in technology that pose new storage and preservation issues. "We support members of the University community—people working on campus, students, alumni, and the general public—in whatever their needs are involving the history of the University," he says.

Case in point: When filmmakers of *The Express*, the movie about Orange football legend Ernie Davis '62, needed information to give the film an authentic look, they turned to Archives. Among Galvin's favorite holdings in Archives are the historical



photos (an estimated 750,000 images); the papers of George Fisk Comfort, the first dean of the fine arts school, which include family history dating back to the 1700s; and a series of letters written by Henry Dickinson of the Class of 1882. "I took it upon myself as a fun project to transcribe all the letters," says Galvin, who also researched faculty and others mentioned by Dickinson to add context to the letters.

The collection closest to his heart is the Pan Am Flight 103 Archives, which includes items donated by families of the 270 people lost in the 1988 terrorist bombing, as well as other materials and records. Galvin has come to know many of the families and is leading a \$2 million fund-raising effort to create and endow an archivist position for the collection, which continues to grow. In addition, he regularly gives talks about the collection and is working closely with archivists at other universities that have experienced tragedies to create a special SAA publication. "It's an incredibly personal collection," he says. "For us, it's a way to memorialize the victims, commemorate what they did, and make sure that people don't forget these lives."

Galvin attributes his interest in preserving history to his own longtime genealogical searches for information on his ancestors, whose roots are in Ireland. In his office, amid books, files, and photos of his wife, Beth, their three children, Amanda '08, Hilary '10, and Zac '13, and beloved basset hound Salamanca ("Sallie," for short), Galvin has a bumper sticker that reads: "Archivists Make It Last Longer." And in this era of so much fleeting information, they must be vigilant in saving content for the long haul. "We face issues of preservation all the time," he says. "How do we preserve something and make it available to people for years to come?"

—Jay Cox



Jaipaul Roopnarine

## GLOBAL INSIGHTS ON RAISING CHILDREN



### JACK REILLY PROFESSORSHIP IN CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

**Recipient:** Jaipaul Roopnarine, Department of Child and Family Studies, College of Human Ecology

**Background:** The professorship was created by John D. Reilly III '69, G'70 and his wife, Patricia, in memory of their infant son, Jack, who died in a fire at a licensed daycare facility in 1989. As part of their commitment to the college, they also established the Jack Reilly Institute of Early Childhood and Provider Education and the Jack Reilly Distinguished Lecture Series in Infant and Toddler Caregiving.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY PROFESSOR Jaipaul Roopnarine calls himself a workaholic, but laughs when he says it. In fact, he practically sparkles when he talks about the collaborative work that takes him around the world researching cultural influences on child development and family dynamics. Born in Guyana, Roopnarine earned a doctoral degree in child development and education psychology at the University of Wisconsin, where he worked with Michael Lamb, a pioneer of fatherhood research. "From that time on, I have had a keen interest in how families develop in various cultures," says Roopnarine, who is also a faculty affiliate with the Maxwell School's South Asia Program and teaches in the inclusive early childhood special education program at the School of Education and College of Human Ecology. "My work is very international and happens in many different parts of the world—Malaysia, Taiwan, India, Brazil. The world is our laboratory today."

In his new role as the Jack Reilly Professor of Child and Family Studies and director of the Jack Reilly Institute of Early Childhood and Provider Education, Roopnarine seeks to achieve a global understanding of child development and safety and to enhance training for early childhood professionals. "This extremely kind act of giving and caring by the Reillys reflects their deep commitment to advancing the welfare, safety, and education of young children in diverse cultural communities," says Roopnarine, who came to SU in 1984. "I am honored and humbled by this endowed professorship, and grateful to them and to the University."

Among the Reilly institute's current projects is a collaboration with the University of the West Indies, where Roopnarine was a Fulbright Scholar in spring 2008. This national study of 1,500 households, funded by the Ministry of Education in Trinidad and Tobago, examines parenting styles and beliefs about development and early education of children, ages 3 to 5. Another project joins with the University of

Cambridge in observing infants with their parents and other caregivers in Indo-Caribbean and African-Caribbean immigrant families in the New York City area as well as in foraging societies in Central Africa. "The purpose is to unpack the cultural basis of early socialization by looking at issues dealing with sensitivity, holding and carrying practices, feeding, sleep cycles, and physical and verbal function," Roopnarine says. "We are looking at behaviors that are the seeds to early personality development and contribute to the development of the parent-child bond."

A father of four who enjoys playing cricket and dominoes and reading Caribbean and African literature, Roopnarine has written extensively on childhood development and early education, including two books that are used in university classrooms around the world, and has served on editorial boards of a number of journals in developmental psychology and early childhood education. He has been awarded several grants by the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development. He also assisted in revising the national early childhood curriculum for the government of Guyana, and serves as an advisor to the Roving Caregivers Program in several Caribbean countries. "We are trying to intervene with early childhood parenting practices that help stave off the pernicious effects of poverty and harsh parenting," Roopnarine says.

—Amy Speech

## Amy Rabideau | ILLUMINATING RESEARCH

AMY RABIDEAU '10 SOAKS UP THE ENERGY AND SPIRIT OF the youngsters she meets as a child life volunteer at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse. Her tasks there are simple: to read, play, laugh. Her challenges begin when she leaves the hospital and arrives at the Life Sciences Complex. A biology and chemistry dual major, Rabideau has worked for the past three years in the lab of Professor Robert Doyle, helping look for ways to better detect and treat diseases. "Working with these kids and seeing what they go through on a day-to-day basis motivates me to keep doing research and pushes me forward," says Rabideau of Yorktown Heights, New York. "It's really inspiring to see the smiles on the kids' faces when you play with them, or when you rock a baby to sleep."

Her resolve has resulted in success. Rabideau has contributed to three published research articles and was named an Astronaut Scholar, a national scholarship program created by members of the original Mercury mission. Her lab work has focused on attaching B vitamins to fluorescent molecules and

experimenting to see if they would be absorbed by cancer cells, which seek that specific extra nutrient. The cells would then fluoresce, making them detectable using medical imaging. "When you get a hit," she says, "it's really gratifying."

One article Rabideau contributed to reported on research with folic acid (vitamin B9), which was shown to be taken up by ovarian cancer cells. A second article discussed the testing and uptake of a vitamin B12-based imaging agent on placental cancer cells, demonstrating the potential of B12-based drugs for specific cancer diagnosis and treatment. Another paper came together through Rabideau's work as a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow at the University of Rhode Island, where she used two different colored molecules to delineate portions of cells for better imaging. All of this research may lead to early detection and treatments that will ultimately target only tumor cells, she says.

As a first-year student at SU, Rabideau took honors chemistry with Doyle and, fascinated by his research, inquired whether she could assist. Under Doyle's direction, she now conducts experiments with high-pressure liquid chromatography, which separates impurities from compounds, and other processes. "You can put me in a lab and I'm completely comfortable," Rabideau says. "That took a lot of confidence building and experience, but now I can be in a laboratory in my field, hold a conversation, and get a feel for what the research is all about."

Her years in the lab—at SU, as a research fellow, and last summer as an Amgen Scholar, an international undergraduate research program that placed her at MIT working with a biochemist—were commended by the national Astronaut Scholarship Program. "It means a lot to me that people recognize my research and want to help me with my dream to treat diseases," she says.

Last spring, Rabideau was awarded a Remembrance Scholarship, established to honor the 35 students studying abroad with SU who were killed in the 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 bombing. Two of the students, Jason and Eric Coker, were Rabideau's second cousins. "It's a huge honor to represent my second cousins and continue the tradition of remembering the 35 students," she says.

A Renée Crown University Honors student, Rabideau is wrapping up her senior year with a capstone project on her research and plans to pursue graduate school. "It's exciting to see what lab I end up in and what research I'll be doing," she says. "There are so many doors that are waiting for me to open."

—Kathleen Haley

