**TANGENT TIME**

**Tuesday, December 8**

11:30am - 1:00pm  
FH 306

NCCC’s Professor Todd Bryda will present the latest Tangent Time discussion, the first in a two-part lecture titled “Power and Piety in Ireland, Wales and England.” Please join us!! For more information, see page 2.

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**MENS CITY LEAGUE BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

**2016 Season**

Register now for League play in the Spring starting in early January.

*You must be registered for Spring classes to play!

*Games are at Pearson School on Sundays weekly for 14 weeks

*Open Gym (GW 128) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00pm

*Registration is $20 per player! (Includes reversible NCCC team jersey)

All interested students should contact Kathy Chapman at 860-738-6344 or stop in Student Activities (GW110).

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**World War II & Korean War Veterans Honored at NCCC**

This past summer, the Foundations High School Youth Program through the Academic Success Center at Northwestern Connecticut Community College, received funding to afford twelve area high school students the opportunity to enroll in a 3 credit college-level course on World War II and Korea. As part of this course, each student interviewed a veteran from one of these conflicts, and then wrote that veteran’s story. The veterans are from northwest Connecticut and their stories have now been compiled into a hard cover book that was presented to them during a reception in their honor at NCCC on Thursday, November 12th. In sharing their stories, these military veterans brought us into the world in which they lived while serving their country. NCCC President Michael Rooke provided welcoming remarks, and attendees included State and local officials and World War II and Korean War veterans.


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**Ballroom Dance Holiday Ball**

**Friday, December 11th**  
7:00 - 9:00pm  
GW Room 128

If you haven’t tried ballroom dance but would like to, come join us for the final class of the fall semester and have some fun at our annual Holiday Ball! Singles and couples are welcome.

Free for registered credit students and Senior Citizens  
Non-students: $10 per person payable at the door on the night of the Holiday Ball.

~ Sponsored by your Student Senate ~
Tangent Time (continued from page 1)

Going off topic on a tangent is not always a very effective way to teach a college history class when there is a lot of information to cover. But what do you do when you have a group of engaged students with a lot of questions and not enough classroom time to discuss the answers. If you are Northwestern Connecticut Community College history professor, Todd Bryda, you create Tangent Time, a lecture and presentation series that provides opportunity for both students and faculty to present information and material of interest outside the classroom.

The first presentation will discuss the development and role of religious sites, which will include a look at pre-Christian Neo-lithic places such as Stonehenge and Newgrange, the Roman temple to Sulis Minerva at Bath, early Christian monasteries, and some of the great Gothic cathedrals of the region. The event is free and open to the public.

“The main purpose of my presentation is to show the varied ways the diverse people of these regions sought to worship the divine, however they defined it,” Professor Bryda says.

The discussion material for Power and Piety in Ireland, Wales, and England came from a trip Professor Bryda took last summer to the region to study how invading forces used both the military and religion to control the countries’ populace. He says the trip and study work was one of the greatest experiences of his life. “I have had to completely rethink many of my previous interpretations of these sites. There is nothing quite like seeing these treasures up close as opposed to just seeing them in pictures or films. I hope to share my discoveries with my students and the community and get them to feel the passion that I feel about the past.”

Funding for the trip came from both NCCC’s Excellence in Education Award, where recipients are nominated by their peers and then chosen by the college president, and the prestigious Mosal Award. The Mosal Award is a highly competitive research scholarship, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two year colleges, and given to campus advisors of the organization. Since its inception in 1984 only three of the annual awards have been given to New England recipients; two of them to NCCC faculty. Professor Bryda shares this honor with NCCC Professor of Biology Sharon Gusky, who was awarded the scholarship in 2008.

Since its inception in 2013, Tangent Time topics have included the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and Watergate. Students have presented topics as well, including one student’s discussion of her grandfather’s experiences as a member of the infamous Soviet Penal Battalions, and a discussion of the current nature of combat in an age of counterinsurgencies by a student who is an army reservist. The current History Association president has given two talks; one on Auschwitz and the other on the Warsaw Uprising of 1944.

“In an era where there are so many distractions, it is always gratifying to see a genuine love of history,” says Professor Bryda of his students.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Prof. Todd M. Bryda at tbryda@nwcc.commnet.edu.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

It’s Time to Register for Spring Classes!!!! Online and walk-in registration for Spring 2016 classes has begun. Register SOON to ensure you get the classes that you need!

myCommNet ALERT

Text messages will be sent in the event of an emergency which may include campus-related health or safety situations and weather-related class cancellations.

Enrollment in myCommNet Alert is free, voluntary and easy to do. Just log in to my.Commnet.edu and click on the ALERT button.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Laurie Jassen at ljassen@nwcc.edu or call the Computer Center Helpdesk at 860-738-6367.

Scholarship Tree

Help us decorate our Scholarship Tree.

A beautiful tree now graces the Library’s Rotunda. We are asking for your help in making the Scholarship Tree shine this holiday season. Purchase an ornament for the tree for $1.00 at the Library. Sign your name or the name of a loved one on the ornament and place it on the tree. Since 2009, the Scholarship Tree has raised $1,987 for various scholarships.

This year, proceeds from the Scholarship Tree go to the Professor Greg Hager Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Purchase ornaments in the Library through December 18!

NCCC Library

Need extra time to study?

Take an advantage of our Saturday Hours!

We are open from 9:30am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-8:00pm
Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday: 9:30am-1:00pm

We are open during intersession and on weekdays without classes from 8:30am—4:30pm.
STUDENT CLUB MEETING & EVENT INFORMATION

Criminal Justice Association meets Tuesdays, 4:15pm, at the Oasis Center (building behind Founders Hall)
Dungeons and Dragons Club meets Tuesdays, 1:00-4:30pm, in FH 206
Early Childhood Education Association meets Monday, December 7, 4:15-4:55pm, FH207
Film Club meets Tuesdays, 11:45am-1:00pm, Learning Resource Center (Library)
History Association meets Mondays, 3:00-4:15pm, FH 306

NEW! Magic - The Gathering, meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm, ASB Atrium
Northwest Deaf Club meets Mondays, 3:30-4:30pm in FH 107
REAL Club (LGBTQIA+) meets Thursdays, 12:00-1:00pm in ASB 205. Bring a lunch; Open-minded people welcome.
The NCCC Student Senate meets on Tuesdays, 11:45am-1:00pm in GW 110, and meetings are open to all registered students. Contact club advisor Kathy Chapman, kchapman@nwcc.edu

OPEN GYM
Mondays thru Thursdays from 10:00am-4:30pm
(Closed on Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27)
The NCCC Gym (GW 128) is open to all registered students for basketball, ping pong and, with advanced requests, volleyball and dodge ball. Equipment is provided.
Stop by Student Activities (GW 110) to sign in.
If you have additional ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

STUDENT and CAMPUS INFORMATION

Book Circle - Spring 2016
For your holiday or semester break reading, our Spring 2016 titles are:

When the Emperor Was Divine
by Julie Otsuka

The Rosie Project
by Graeme Simsion

Enrique’s Journey
by Sonia Nazario

I am Malala
by Malala Yousafzai

November’s CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry
On Thursday, November 19th, we served 152 households from the CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry.
Off the truck items included tofu, baguette, yogurt, clementines, coconut milk, almond milk, apples, butternut squash, kefir, and juices. Peter, from Hayward Farms of New Hartford, also delivered a load of macoun apples - extras from his bumper crop this year!!

Special thanks to the NCCC Student Nurses Association and the faculty and students who came out to help — in spite of cold rain and campus conflicts. You guys rock!
FALL 2016 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

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How to view your final grades

Final grades will be available on Banner Self Service the business day after your instructor enters them. Follow the steps below to view your final grades.

* Login to mycommnet
* Click "Banner Student & Faculty Self-Service" on the right side of the screen [or by clicking on the graduation cap on the top bar of the webpage.]
* Click the "Student Records" Menu button
* Click "Grades / Registration History"

Please note: Your term GPA and cumulative GPA will not be updated until the end of the business day December 23rd.

TO TOP 5 STUDY TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FINAL EXAMS

1. **Count your way forward.** Count up from the day the study questions are handed out to the day the exam will take place. "Seven days? Then I’ll divide the course into sevenths and study two weeks’ worth of lectures each day."

2. **Shed some commitments.** You’ll find you have a lot easier time studying if you make extra time for it. Put off any unnecessary social obligations or family commitments. And, if you’re working, try if at all possible to take 10 days off for final exam period Best Kept Secret. If you can finish your term papers the week before the last week of classes, it’ll free loads of extra time to study for finals.

3. **Triage** your study time. Proportion your study time to how hard the final is likely to be and how well you already know the material.

4. **Figure out what’s covered.** One of the most important things you need to be clear about is what materials are going to be tested on the final. Knowing the extent—and the limits—of the exam will make it much easier to organize and structure your studying.

5. **Decide if it’s going to be a grand tour or lots of local attractions.** Professors have strategies in making up finals. Before you start studying, make sure you’ve figured out your professor’s test construction strategy.
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Greenwoods Foundation has announced that it will once again provide over 85 scholarships to students for the 2016-17 academic year. Mark your calendar NOW for any date in the month of January 2016 to come to the Financial Aid Office (GW 224) for simple instructions and an application to apply for a scholarship.

- Simple instructions
- Short application
- No essay required
- No letters of recommendation required

2016-17 Thumback School-To-Skills Scholarship
Sponsor: Thumback  Amount: $5,000.00
For more information and to apply, visit: https://www.thumback.com/scholarship

2016-17 NCCC Scholarships for New, Continuing and Graduating Students
Online scholarship applications for new, continuing and graduating students will be available by January 1, 2016. Click here or go to the NCCC webpage > Current Students > Financial Aid > Scholarships. All the information that you need to know regarding eligibility, application instructions, deadlines, and scholarship descriptions is here.

Start planning now and apply early in the Spring 2016 semester. Take time to meet with your advisor or one of your professors to request a letter of recommendation for your application.

NCCC Scholarship application deadline—Friday, March 25, 2016
FAFSA deadline for scholarship applications—Tuesday, March 1, 2016

CAMPUS CALENDAR

December 8  Reading Day—No Classes
December 11  Last day of Classes
                History Association’s “Tangent Time”
                11:30am-1:00pm, FH 306
December 12-18  Final Exams
January 4-15  Winter Intersession 2015
January 13  New Student Orientation (evening)
                Snow date January 154
January 18  Martin Luther King Day (College Closed)
January 20  Last Day for 100% Refund of Tuition
January 21  Spring 2016 Classes Begin

And check out the ONLINE Campus Calendar today!! This is THE PLACE on the new NCCC webpage to find out when and where student clubs are meeting, information about student events such as the annual Student vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Tournament and other student-related campus events, transfer representative campus visits and important deadlines.

Click on the link above or, on the NCCC webpage, go to Current Students > Campus Calendar.

FREE CAREER WORKSHOP at NCCC!

All workshops are free of charge and meet from 11:30am to 1:00pm in Founders Hall Annex, Room 112. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (860) 738-6419 to register. Leave your name, telephone number and the date of the workshop you wish to attend.

Thursday, December 10
Word Processing with Google Docs
Learn to utilize this free web based word processor for personal use. Learn to use this tool to work on group projects sharing documents for editing, viewing or comment.

For more information regarding these classes, click here