James J. Whalen
Academic Symposium

Emerson Suites
Clark Lounge

March 26, 2002
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
James J. Whalen
1927–2001

President, Ithaca College, 1975–1997

James J. Whalen dedicated his life's work to advancing the cause of independent higher education. Born March 6, 1927, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, he was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College. He held master's and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the Pennsylvania State University and was a licensed clinical psychologist. As Ithaca's sixth president, President Whalen led the College with distinction from 1975 to 1997. Under his leadership the College experienced unprecedented growth—in academic and co-curricular programs, in the size and caliber of the faculty, in the number and quality of the students, and in physical and fiscal resources.

President Whalen was also very active in state and national higher education associations. He served as chairman of the board of directors of the American Council on Education, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and New York's Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities. He was a charter member of the Presidents Commission of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and chair of its Division III subcommittee, cochair of the NCAA Task Force on Gender Equity, and member of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. In a 1986 Exxon Foundation study, President Whalen was named one of the nation's top 100 higher education chief executive officers. He received the United States Air Force's Exceptional Service Award in 1990 and was made an honorary member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1995. In 1997 NAICU gave him the Henry Paley Memorial Award for outstanding service.
James J. Whalen Academic Symposium

The College's first academic symposium celebrated the 22-year presidency of James J. Whalen and his strong support for undergraduate research, especially in the natural and social sciences. Held in the spring of 1997, the President's Academic Symposium showcased the work of students from both the School of Humanities and Sciences and the School of Business, providing a forum much like that of a professional conference.

H&S dean Howard Erlich observed at the time, "The symposium honors President Whalen's dedication to and support for student learning, both in the classroom and out. That so many of Ithaca College's students are engaged in significant collaborative work with the faculty is a tribute not only to the College but also to President Whalen's distinguished leadership.” During his presidency Ithaca College became a founding member of the Council on Undergraduate Research, and student-faculty research productivity increased substantially. The 1993 Garfield Report, “The Role of Undergraduate Colleges in Research,” placed Ithaca College in the top 5 percent of 75 undergraduate institutions for the significance of its research.

The success of the first symposium suggested its continuation. The second event, renamed the James J. Whalen Academic Symposium and held in March 1998, featured the research and creative projects of approximately 80 students from all five schools of the College. Student interest has continued to grow: the 2002 symposium involved over 100 students and approximately 70 presentations. The projects represent the best student work accomplished at the College and are evidence of the important role that student-faculty collaboration plays in learning at Ithaca.
"Attitudes and Policies Related to Aging in the Participation in Government Course"
MARK SZAROWSKI
Sponsor: Zenon Wasyliw

9:00–10:15 a.m.  EMERSON SUITE B

Business and Economics
Convener: Susan Rosenthal, associate professor, business administration
"Improving Organizational Effectiveness through Survey Feedback"
GRAYSON BARROWS, DEVON DAMS-O’CONNOR, SCOTT SHANNON, AND LORI SILVER
Sponsor: Susan Rosenthal

"Analysis of Group Dynamics at Great Majestic Lodge"
MURUZA RANGWALA, LAUREN ROSSI, IAN SCHACHNER, SCOTT SHANNON, LORI SILVER, AND RAUL TELLO
Sponsor: Susan Rosenthal

"Corruption and Privatization in Eastern Europe"
ALEXI HARDING
Sponsor: Elia Kacapyr, associate professor, economics

9:00–10:15 a.m.  EMERSON SUITE C

Biology and Chemistry
Convener: Jean Hardwick, assistant professor, biology
"Neuropeptide Regulation of Cardiac Function in Amphibians"
KIM STALLONE
Sponsor: Jean Hardwick

"Effects of Mixed Solvents on the Rates of Methoxide-Promoted Dehydrochlorinations"
ANNE RUMINSKI
Sponsor: Heinz Koch, professor, chemistry

"Energetics of the Proton Transfer Reaction between Chloroform and Methoxide"
JORDAN KILLEEN
Sponsor: Vincent DeTuri, assistant professor, chemistry

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Writing
Convener: Marian MacCurdy, associate professor, writing

2:45–4:00 p.m.  CLARK LOUNGE

Health Sciences
Convener: Stewart Auyash, associate professor, health policy studies
"HIV Testing: A Study of Why Gay Men in the Netherlands Choose Not to Test"
SHELLEY FACENTE
Sponsors: Stewart Auyash
Hadley Smith, assistant professor, writing/planned studies
"SibShops: Workshops for Siblings of Children with Special Needs"
ELIESHA LOVELL AND LAUREN ALBERTS
Sponsor: Donna Twardowski, clinical assistant professor, occupational therapy

2:45–4:00 p.m.  EMERSON SUITE A

Communications–Video Production
Convener: Byron Caplan, assistant professor, television–radio
"128"
VICTORIA SCHLISSEL, AMANDA PORTERFIELD, DAVE LEFCHAK, JUSTIN FREEMAN, AND GLENN PAYNE
"Time"
MARIA CATALDO, MOLLY SWEET, PAUL BROZENICH, AND JOSH REYES
Sponsor: Byron Caplan

2:45–4:00 p.m.  EMERSON SUITE B

Anthropology
Convener: Brooke Olson, assistant professor, anthropology
"Tibetan Healing and Western Medicine: Perspectives from Ithaca"
MARIE-CLAIRE CAZORLA
Sponsor: Brooke Olson
"Redefining Archaeological Exhibits at the Frontenac Museum, Union Springs, New York"
SARAH KNIGHT
Sponsor: Jack Rossen, assistant professor, anthropology
"Contemporary Art in Accra, Ghana"
ERIN SANDESON
Sponsor: Joel Savishinsky, professor, anthropology
“America Declares War: A Generic Study of Presidential Declarations of War”
MEGAN ALLOCCO

“Identifying the Civilized World: A Pentadic Analysis of President Bush’s Address to the Nation on September 20, 2001”
CAROLINE LIGA

“9/11 Dramas in Women’s Service Magazines: A Burkean Perspective”
LAUREN PANZA

“When Is It Time to Laugh? Topical Satire in the Wake of 9/11”
ROBIN ROSENFIELD

“Crisis Sermons: Preaching in a Time of National Tragedy”
IRENE SCOTT

“Crew Coxswains and the Rhetorical Situation”
NATHAN TARTER

Sponsor: Robert Sullivan

10:30-11:45 a.m. .................................................. EMERSON SUITE B

Legal Studies
Convener: Marlene Barken, associate professor, business administration

“Lead and Radon: A Comparison of Regulatory Approaches to Environmental Pollutants”
KATRINA LARMORE

“Mandatory Drug Testing for Public Employees”
ALICIA PERRI

“From VHS to MP3s: Twenty-Five Years of Litigation in the Entertainment Industry”
KONSTANTIN RYBALSKY

“The Environmental Justice Movement and Making the Case for Environmental Discrimination”
JESSICA SELMAN

Sponsors: Marlene Barken
Gwen Seaquist, associate professor, business administration

10:30-11:45 a.m. .................................................. EMERSON SUITE C

Physics
Convener: Dan Briotta, associate professor, physics

“Automated Asteroid Tracking”
JAY SCHUREN

Sponsor: Dan Briotta

“CCD Detectors: Dark Current and Bad Pixels”
PHILIP SINGERLAND

Sponsor: Dan Briotta

“A Model of the Mechanics of an Elephant Leg”
JAMIE DEGREGORY

Sponsor: Bruce Thompson, assistant professor, physics

1:15-2:30 p.m. .................................................. CLARK LOUNGE

Music, Art, and Poetry
Convener: Gregory Woodward, professor, music composition

“Ergo sum resurrectio et vita” for piano and soprano saxophone
DOUG HAN

“The Visit” for piano
MICHAEL DESAVE

“Abaddon” for piano
KEVIN O’NEILL

Sponsor: Gregory Woodward

“Perspectives on an Honors Project in New York City in the Visual Arts”
ERICA SCHULTZ

Sponsor: Susan Weisend, associate professor, art

“Autumn”
“Used”
“Sestina on a Shattered Dream”
“Night”
“Elegy for a Redhead”
BETH BIERSDORF WITH BARI DOEFFINGER, CLARINET, AND JILLIAN FISHER, VIOLA

Sponsor: Kirsten Wasson, assistant professor, English

4:15-5:30 p.m. .................................................. EMERSON SUITE A

Communications
Convener: Scott Hamula, assistant professor, television-radio

“Hip-Hop and College Culture”
JULIAN MACKLER

Sponsor: Jill Swenson, associate professor, television-radio

“The Popularity of Survivor”
BRADLEY FORENZA

Sponsor: Jill Swenson
“Advertising Plan: Playboy”
Patrick Plunk, Alex Pryor, David Tobias, and Julie Sanders
Sponsor: Scott Hamula
“Fifty Years of I Love Lucy”
Delaine Dacko
Sponsor: Jill Swenson
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Psychology
Convener: Nancy Rader, associate professor, psychology
Laura Venuto and Lisa Feldman
Sponsor: Nancy Rader
“Did You Hook Up Last Night? The Diversity of Meaning in IC Students’ Definitions of the Term ‘Hook Up’”
Nicole Berardo, Bethany Boilard, Fabian Perez, and Michael Shetha
Sponsor: Andrea White, assistant professor, psychology

Poster Presentations
“Age and Gender Differences in Body Dissatisfaction and Health Perceptions of Fifth- to Eighth-Grade Students”
Jana Beitzman, Nicole Gagnon, Laura Roberts, Jillian Rowback, and Research Team 07
“Media Use, Media Literacy Knowledge, and Body Dissatisfaction in Middle School Students”
Janet Edwards, Kate-Michaela Mullen, Shannon Van Norman, Jessica Vinluan, and Research Team 07
Sponsor: Cyndy Scheibe, associate professor, psychology

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Mathematics
Convener: Osman Yürekli, associate professor, mathematics
“Folded Paper and Hidden Dragon”
Carly O’Brien and Kylie Yerka
Sponsor: Osman Yürekli
“Group Structure of Elliptic Curves”
Eric Heinzman
Sponsor: David Brown, assistant professor, mathematics

“Philology” (essay)
Luke Taylor
“Prayer for Sleep” (poetry)
“Flows like Water by Now…”
“Where Were You Last Night” (prose poem)
“You Are What You Eat”
“Lament”
Betsy Strong
“Can’t Slow Down” (critique)
Jonah Bater
“Your Flannel Shirt Hangs in the Closet” (poetry)
“Beautiful Mind”
“Elegy”
“L’Italiana”
Lesley Bannister
“One-Way Trip” (essay)
Scott Statii
“X” (argument essay)
“Shadows” (poetry)
“Shine”
Jeremy Griffin
“Cigarettes” (poetry)
“Sometimes I Think God Is Just a Man”
“Let Yourself Become Quiet”
“Coyotes”
“Puppets”
Klenda Martinez
“Given to Fly” (autobiography excerpt)
E. J. Crawford
“To Conclude” (poetry)
“Susquehanna River Love Song”
“In the Springtime before My Breakdown”
“Extraordinary before and after September 11” (essay)
C. Ryan Hill

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Speech Communication
“Contemporary Public Discourse: Rhetorical Principles and Analytical Tools”
Convener: Robert Sullivan, assistant professor, speech communication
English

Convener: Claire Gleitman, associate professor, English

"'Coax him over to the fire': Heroic Sacrifice versus Hearth and Home in Modern Irish Drama"

JENNIFER DOHERTY

Sponsor: Claire Gleitman

"Ravenous Weaponry in Titus Andronicus"

MARIO CERAME

Sponsor: Gil Harris, associate professor, English

"The Signification of the Anus"

ASHLEY SHELDEN

Sponsor: Madhavi Menon, assistant professor, English

4:00–5:00 p.m. CLARK LOUNGE

Reception for all presenters, faculty sponsors, and conveners

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JAMES J. WHALEN ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2002
9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Research and creative works presented by Ithaca College students in collaboration with faculty

PROGRAM

ALL DAY CLARK LOUNGE

Art

Exhibition of works by

JESSICA GONACHA
THATCHER MOATS
EMIE MEAGHER
ERICA SCHULTZ

Sponsors: Bruce North, assistant professor, art
Susan Weisend, associate professor, art

9:00–10:00 a.m. CLARK LOUNGE

Modern Languages and Art History

Convener: Michael Richardson, assistant professor, German

"The Appropriation of Experience in the Public Sphere: September 11, American Consciousness, and the Consciousness Industry"

MICHAEL NORDQUIST

Sponsor: Michael Richardson

"Evaluating Lucien Bonaparte and His Art Collection"

PATRICK RODGERS

Sponsor: Nancy Ramage, professor, art history

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History

Convener: Zenon Wasyliw, associate professor, history

"Gerontology issues in the Twelfth-Grade Economics Course"

MICHAEL KEVILLE

"Older Persons in Ancient Roman History"

JOHN PALELLA

"Gerontology in the Sociology Elective Course"

SARA BALLITE