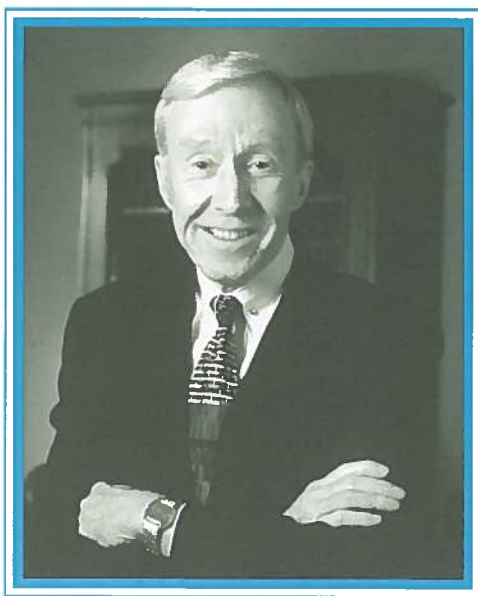


# James J. Whalen Academic Symposium



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 cocurricular 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.

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Jaimie Voorhees, Administrative Assistant

"Attitudes and Policies Related to Aging in the Participation in Government Course"

MARK SZAJKOWSKI

Sponsor: Zenon Wasylw

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"

MURTUZA 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

10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

CLARK LOUNGE

## 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 SANDERSON

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 LIGAYA

"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 ROSENFELD

"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 SLINGERLAND

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 DESAYE

"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

1:15–2:30 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

1:15–2:30 p.m.

EMERSON SUITE B

## Psychology

Convener: Nancy Rader, associate professor, psychology

"The Power of Praise: Its Effects on Cognitive Performance"

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 SHETHAR

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 BEITMAN, 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

1:15–2:30 p.m.

EMERSON SUITE C

## 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 BAYER

"Your Flannel Shirt Hangs in the Closet" (poetry)

"Beautiful Mind"

"Elegy"

"L'Italiana"

LESLEY BANNISTER

"One-Way Trip" (essay)

SCOTT STAITI

"X" (argument essay)

"Shadows" (poetry)

"Shine"

JEREMY GRIFFIN

"Cigarettes" (poetry)

"Sometimes I Think God Is Just a Man"

"Let Yourself Become Quiet"

"Coyotes"

"Puppets"

KLENDIA 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

10:30–11:45 a.m.

EMERSON SUITE A

## Speech Communication

"Contemporary Public Discourse: Rhetorical Principles and Analytical Tools"

Convener: Robert Sullivan, assistant professor, speech communication

2:45–4:00 p.m.

EMERSON SUITE C

## 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*

## 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

9:00–10:15 a.m.

EMERSON SUITE A

## 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 BALLUTE