I in a week characterized by Commencement preparations, 33 Cornell staff gradu- 
ates were recognized at the 15th annual staff graduate reception at Friends Hall, May 24, 
held to celebrate the completion of their degrees through the Cornell Employee 
Degree Program or the Tuition Aid Program. Joining the staff graduates were their family 
members and friends, President David Skorton, Vice President for Human Resources and 
Safety Services Mary Opperman, Employee Assembly Chair Tanya Grove and employee- 
elected trustee Beth McKinney. Parrot Jeff Cox ’13 opened the program.

Thirteen of the graduates received Cornell degrees (one bachelor’s, 10 master’s and two 
Ph.D.s) from the ILR School, Johnsson School and the Colleges of Engineering; Agriculture 
and Life Sciences; and Architecture, Art and Planning. Others had pursued studies in such 
areas as business, management, economics, information technologies, liberal arts, military 
history, finance and human resources to earn degrees at Cayuga Community College, 
Corning Community College, Elmira College, Norwich University, Rochester Institute of 
Technology, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Empire State College and Tompkins Cortland Commu- 
nity College.

Opperman noted that the staff graduate reception is an opportunity to honor the 
significant achievements of staff who have persevered and completed degrees while also 
fulfilling work responsibilities that have become even more substantial in the last few 
years. “To have the foresight and courage and stamina to do this on top of work is amazing,” she said.

Skorton asked the new graduates to think about doing two things: to share whatever 
knowledge they gain that may be of use with their coworkers, with him and with anyone 
else they have a chance to share it, and by their example, to encourage other staff mem- 
ers to take advantage of these programs.

“Nothing would make Mary and me happier than if we had this event in an even bigger 
room next time,” he said.

Following remarks from the president and vice president, McKinney called each gradu- 
ate to the podium to receive congratulations from Skorton and Opperman, as well as a 
room next time,” he said. We also expect that the 2011-12 year will be just the start. The future of publishing lies in the electronic 
world. In recognition of that fact, the first print issue of the 2011-12 year, the mid-summer 
issue of July 28, will be available in reduced quantities, in 8 ½ x 11 format, primarily in 
workplaces staffed by the divisions of Facilities and Campus Life, many of whom do not 
have access to computers during the work day. Copies will also be available at 130 Day 
Hall and at East Hill Plaza. Individual units that would like paper copies for their staff will 
be able to purchase them on a print-on-demand basis through Cornell’s Print Shop, much as 
we is currently done with the Cornell Chronicle, or download the PDF to print on their of- 
lice printers.

We are implementing these changes in part because of budgetary constraints and the 
need to reduce paper. But we also know—based on the experience of the Cornell Chron- 
icle and other online newspapers—that the technological advances that make it more 
efficient to have a greater online presence also create an enhanced product that provides 
readers with a more dynamic and enriching experience.

Pawprint on the Go. Next issue, June 23. Let me know what you think.

Employee Assembly announces new 
officers, members

The Employee Assembly (EA) elected its new officers for 2011-12 on June 1. These are: 
Tanya Grove, Theatre, Film and Dance, chair (for a second term); Bright Schaffner, 
Housing, executive vice chair; Gemma Osborne, College of Agriculture and Life Sci- 
cences (CALS) at Geneva, vice chair for finance (for a second term); Bridget Cristelli, CALS, 
Senior Associate Deans’ Office, vice chair for internal operations.

During the same meeting, new EA members were appointed to fill the vacancies remain- 
ing after the EA elections: Bridget Cristelli, Katherine Fahey, director, Student Disability 
Services; and Bright Schaffner.

The EA looks for input from Cornell staff members on issues that are important to them, 
either in the workplace, professional development, or campus communications. Send ideas 
and questions to Tanya Grove at 4040@cornell.edu.

All staff members are invited to join one of the EA’s committees, including those on 
personnel policy, employee education, communications and staff recognition. The EA tries 
to fill most positions in August, and recommends applying in June or July. Applications are 
accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

EA meetings are open to everyone. For meeting dates and minutes, go to http://assem- 
bly.cornell.edu/EA/Meetings. For a listing of all EA members, see http://assembly.cornell. 
edu/EA/Members.

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Meet Janna Lamye and Nianne Van Fleet receive awards for dedicated service.

Janna Lamye, manager of the Graduate Education Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and Nianne Van Fleet, associate director for training and clinical affairs at Cornell Health Services, were recognized recently for their excellence with a George Peter Award for Dedicated Service.

The awards honor staff members who "consistently demonstrate a high degree of excellence in their performance of their duties," and prove "their willingness to extend themselves to help others and to go beyond the normal expectations of their job responsibilities."

Lamye was applied by more than 100 faculty, colleagues, friends and family May 21 in the Voic Collegium. At that time she became the 125th recipient of the award. Michael S. Flatt, the Austin O. Toney Distinguished Professor of Veterinary Medicine, commended Lamye with giving the program of the Voic College a "particularly smooth and the graduate students a hub and center of focus. Robie Deissler, professor in biomedical sciences and director, graduate field of molecular and integrative physiology, said that Lamye was instrumental in the successful launching of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program in 2002 and in its subsequent administration.

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VALENTINE MEETING PLANNED FOR JUNE 10

The 8th Annual Valentine Meeting is sponsored by the Finger Lakes Region Angling Club and is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 at Weill Hall, Cornell University. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will open with a brief history of the Valentine Family, followed by a discussion of the making of Valentine Lace and a display of Valentine Lace was made in the 20th century. The display will feature Valentine Lace from various collections.

There will also be a demonstration of the cutting of Valentine Lace on a Victorian lace-making machine by one of the event organizers. The demonstration will be followed by a discussion of the history of Valentine Lace and its role in the history of lace-making.

The meeting will conclude with a Q&A session and a chance to chat with the organizers and learn more about Valentine Lace.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact info@valentine-lace.com.