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A Message From Judith B. Greiman

*Chief Deputy to the President and Vice President for Government and
Community Relations*

I am pleased that numerous students, staff and faculty attended Town Hall meetings last week on the [West Campus](#) and at our Southampton campus. The meetings were scheduled to provide the campus community with an update on the implementation of the [Stony Brook University Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity](#). The Plan highlights the many ways that we are working to create an inclusive campus and community environment.

President Stanley is convening the next Town Hall meeting on this topic on [December 14th at the Health Sciences Campus](#). Additionally, we are [accepting questions](#) from the campus community on the Plan and its implementation via the [Diversity Plan website](#) and will post answers in the coming weeks. I urge you to attend the Town Hall as we continue to work together to make our campus welcoming for all.

Sincerely,

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Up in Albany

President Stanley Joins LIREDC in Albany to Help Secure State Funding

As part of the [Long Island Regional Economic Development Council \(LIREDC\)](#), Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, joined other LIREDC representatives on November 2 in Albany as the group made its annual presentation of priority project proposals to the State Implementation Assessment Team (SIAT). It is SIAT's job to



(L-R): LIREDC representatives in Albany Patricia Edwards, Kevin Law, Marianne Garvin, and President Stanley, with Mayor Peter Cavallaro and Cara Longworth.

review the ten Regional Councils' annual progress reports and proposals as each council competes for state funding.

In the five years since [Governor Andrew Cuomo](#) established the Regional Councils, LIREDC won four "top competitor" awards, bringing to Long Island \$425 million in state funds for 470 diverse initiatives, including \$109 million for 141 transformative "priority projects," all of which leveraged nearly \$1.8 billion in private investment.

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Steven Adelson '15, '17 Wins Hidden Heroes Award for His Civic Engagement

Stony Brook University graduate student and alum Steven Adelson '15, '17 won a 2016 [Hidden Heroes Award](#) from [The Andrew Goodman Foundation \(AGF\)](#) for taking action to impact voting rights and social justice. Adelson personally registered over 1,000 students on campus in the two months prior to the election. This is on top of the 3,000 students he previously registered this past summer. In total, 86% of the registered voters on campus came out to vote this past Election Day. The AGF's [Vote Everywhere](#) program trains and supports emerging leaders at U.S. colleges and universities.



Steven Adelson

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On the Hill

College & University Presidents Call for U.S. to Uphold and Continue DACA



Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD joined more than 500 college and university presidents from public and private institutions across the U.S. in signing a statement urging U.S. leaders to uphold and continue the [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#).

Higher education leaders cite "moral imperative" and "national necessity" in supporting DACA and encourage business, civic, religious and non-profit sectors to join them in supporting DACA and undocumented immigrant students.

President Stanley also sent a [note](#) to the campus community in which he outlined support for Stony Brook University's DACA students and noted that such support is anchored in our strong values of diversity, access and inclusiveness.

[Read the full statement](#)

Congress Will Delay Decisions on FY17 Appropriations with a Continuing Resolution

Congress will approve a continuing resolution (CR) lasting through March 1, 2017, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers (R-KY) announced on November 17.

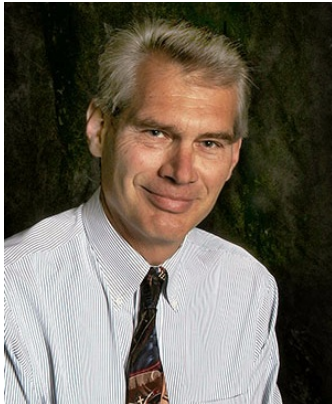
In November, the [Association of American Universities \(AAU\)](#) sent a [letter](#) to House and Senate leaders urging them to finish the FY17 appropriations process this year. The letter noted that proposed funding increases for research in the House and Senate appropriations bills, as well as the Senate-proposed restoration of the year-round Pell Grant, would be lost with a year-long CR. The new Congress could still provide the investments mentioned in the letter if it passes FY17 appropriations bills.



*House Appropriations Committee
Chairman Hal Rogers*

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Stony Brook PoliSci Professor Predicted Trump Victory



*Stony Brook University
Political Science Professor
Helmut Norpoth*

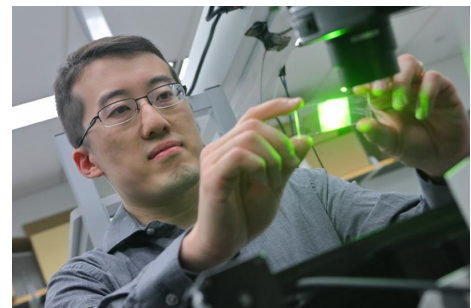
Defying conventional wisdom and the polls, Stony Brook University Political Science Professor Helmut Norpoth predicted Donald Trump's victory using a [model with a remarkable record](#) of predicting election outcomes. Based on his analysis of primary voting, Norpoth gave Trump an 87%-99% chance of beating Hillary Clinton nearly one year ago. He [stuck by his model](#) in press interviews despite an overwhelming consensus of pollsters and pundits promising a Clinton victory.

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Biomedical Engineering Professor Jia Receives DARPA and NSF Funding for Research

[Shu Jia](#), an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering within the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, received research funding from [Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency \(DARPA\)](#) and the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#).

Shu Jia works in the wavefront high speed microscopy imaging lab. As a 2016 DARPA Young Faculty awardee, Jia received funding to develop a new super-resolution light microscopy system to enhance the study of cells, tissues and organ systems. The DARPA award will support Jia's project, "Wavefront-Engineered, High-Speed Super-Resolution Microscopy for Nanometer-Scale, Live-Tissue Imaging."



*Shu Jia working in the wavefront high
speed microscopy imaging lab.*

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In Our Community

Concert for Children's Hunger Awareness



[Bank](#) hosted students from Long Island school districts, grades 1-4, bringing 700 children to a free concert on November 3 at [Staller Center](#) to raise awareness of children's hunger and food insecurity on Long Island.

Children came from Riverhead, Hauppauge, East Islip, Eastern Suffolk BOCES and Brookhaven School Districts. They brought donations of kid-friendly, non-perishable food to help support the 70,000 children in need on Long Island.

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Wolfie, Long Island Cares CEO and President Paul Pachter, Staller Center Outreach Director Paul Newland, and LI Cares mascot AsparaGus at the Tom Chapin and Friends concert at Staller Center.

Five Questions With...

Leaders from every field share ambitious ideas and imaginative solutions for education and the global future, including Billy Joel, Eric Holder, Jr., and Ann Curry.

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Stony Brook Joins Great American Smokeout as Tobacco-Free Policy Shows Signs of Success



Members of the Student Health Advisory Council

Nearing its one-year anniversary of implementation, Stony Brook's tobacco-free policy, and accompanying campaign titled "An Air of Respect," are already making a positive impact on the campus community.

Back in November 2015, about one month before the tobacco-free policy was implemented, volunteers collected 14 pounds of tobacco-related waste. Then in April 2016, four months after the policy was implemented and promoted on campus, the cleanup event yielded 5.75 pounds of tobacco-related waste.

On November 13 of this year, Stony Brook's [Student Health Advisory Council \(SHAC\)](#) hosted a tobacco cleanup effort which yielded only 2.1 pounds of tobacco-related waste. The findings demonstrate that Stony Brook's tobacco-free policy is succeeding by helping to gradually reduce the use of tobacco products on campus.

[Read the full story](#)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 10, 2016

[Men's Basketball vs Rutgers](#)

Wednesday, December 14, 1 pm

[Diversity Plan Town Hall Meeting](#)

Friday, December 16, 2016

[Women's Basketball vs Molloy](#)

[Full Stony Brook events calendar](#)

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