

# F&A QUARTERLY NEWS

## DIVISION OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

*The Division of Finance & Administration has developed a newsletter, F&A Quarterly News to provide useful information to the College community, as well as to advise of divisional highlights and upcoming major projects. We hope you find the information useful and informative. Your feedback and questions are welcome and should be addressed to: [financeandadministration@csi.cuny.edu](mailto:financeandadministration@csi.cuny.edu)*

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **Environmental Health and Safety**

#### **Training offered by Environmental Health & Safety**

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety at the College of Staten Island provides on the job training for employees and students who perform tasks that can have recognized hazards. By performing a job hazard analysis, risks are prioritized and training is conducted on the basis of requirements and needs.

EH&S routinely provides live classroom training for those individuals who will be working in College laboratories on any level. This training is called College Occupational and Research Education (CORE) and covers OSHA, NYS Right to Know, EPA requirements as well as other prudent practices in the workplace. CORE training is required for all individuals working in college laboratories at initial appointment and periodically thereafter. Initial training sessions are live classrooms events; dates are listed on the

EH&S website training page. To complete the periodic refresher requirement Faculty, staff, and students can register to complete an online component via Blackboard. Visit the EHS website training page to register for the online CORE refresher: [College Occupational and Research Education](#)

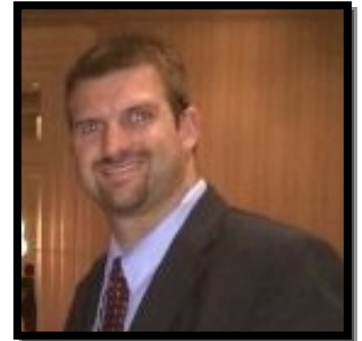
Training is also provided to other college employees working in a medium risk environment. This training covers blood borne pathogens, hazard identification and Right to Know. Other subjects are offered on an as needed basis.

The Environmental Health and Safety web pages are updated on an ongoing basis and contain excellent information on many subjects of interest to Faculty and staff. Browse the topics for helpful information, and let EH&S know if there is something you feel should be covered that is not there at the moment.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Campus Planning and Facilities Management

We are pleased to announce that after a nation-wide search, Cameron Christensen has been appointed Assistant Vice President for Campus Planning and Facilities Management. Cameron has more than ten years of experience in facility operations at several California higher education campuses, and most recently as Director of Building Operations at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Cameron has extensive experience in facilities management and campus planning.



In his role as Assistant Vice President for Campus Planning and Facilities Management, Cameron will be responsible for campus planning, capital projects, facilities management, central plant, skilled trades, custodians and laborers. You can reach Cameron at this office in 1M-203 at Ext. 3209.

#### 3S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RENOVATION COMPUTER LAB, PREP / STORAGE & NEW DEAN'S SUITE



2.



3S-205 AFTER  
DEAN'S OFFICE

#### AREAS OF RENOVATION:

1. 3S-206 - NEWLY RENOVATED COMPUTER LAB
2. 3S-205 - ORIGINALLY A PREP/STORAGE ROOM RENOVATED INTO A NEW DEAN'S OFFICE, HEO OFFICE AND CLERICAL & WAITING AREA
3. 3S-203 - ART LAB ROOM SUBDIVISION TO HOUSE THE NEW PREP/STORAGE AREA THROUGH NEW ENTRY DOOR



3.



3S-203B AFTER  
STORAGE / PREP ROOM



3S-205 BEFORE



3S-206 BEFORE



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3S-205 AFTER - COMPUTER LAB

The offices of Facilities and Campus Planning completed a major renovation for the School of Education.

The work included combining rooms 3S-205, originally a Prep/Storage room, and the original 3S-206 Computer Lab into a more functionally used space housing a newly renovated computer lab, a new suite for the Dean of Education

and his staff, as well as a waiting area. The renovated computer lab, 3S-206 has new flooring, new computer tables and chairs and is ADA compliant.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION (continues)

### 1R NYS Mesonet Weather Station

In January 2014, the Department of Homeland Security established the New York State Early Warning Weather Detection System. The centerpiece of the system is the New York State Mesonet, a network of 125 weather stations across the state, with at least one site in every county. Each site will measure temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, pressure, radiation, and soil information. Special subsets of 17 sites will provide additional atmospheric data in the vertical (up to 2 miles above ground), flux (the amount of heat and moisture exchange near the ground) and snow depth information. All data will be collected, archived, and processed in real-time, feeding weather prediction models and decision-support tools for users across the greater New York region. Further details are at: <http://www.nysmesonet.org>

The College of Staten Island was recommended to participate in this program by Vice Chancellor Small to be the site of a weather Station to be located on the roof of building 1R.



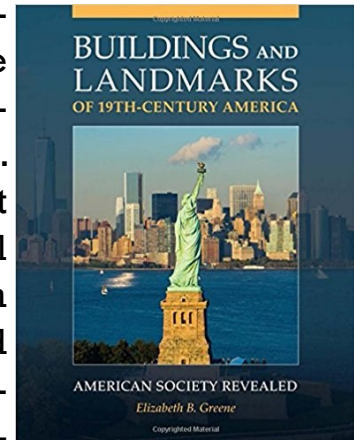
## STAFF FEATURE

### Finance and Administration

#### Betsy Greene: *Buildings and Landmarks of 19th Century America*

Elizabeth Greene, known around CSI as Betsy, is the Facility Coordinator in the Campus Planning Office, and has written a new book from Greenwood Books that is being released this month. The book is entitled *Buildings and Landmarks of 19<sup>th</sup> Century America – American Society Revealed*. The book is a reference book aimed at high school, college or general adult readers, and it discusses 19<sup>th</sup> century U. S. landmarks in the context of key events and topics in history. This is the second book published by Betsy Greene. Her *Homes of the Gilded Era (1881-1900)* was contained within the 2008 publication of the 4-volume *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Homes through American History*. Despite her more than 27 years as Interior Designer and Facility Coordinator at the College of Staten Island, Betsy has

maintained a fascination with the history of American architecture. She studied Art History at McGill University in Montreal and Historic Preservation at Colum-



bia University in New York. She is currently working with a co-author on another book in the Greenwood series, entitled *Buildings and Landmarks of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century America – American Society Revealed*, to be published in February 2018. Congratulations to Betsy!

More about Betsy's book here: [\*Buildings and Landmarks of 19th Century America\*](#)



After 20 years of dedication to the College of Staten Island, Jean Coombs, CAA, L 2, is retiring. In the next chapter in the Book of Jean, she will be caring for her newest grandchild, Amy Elizabeth Coombs, daughter of former IT employee, Matt Coombs..

We wish Jean many years of good health in her retirement, and lots of fun outings with Amy.