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Stony Brook Southampton Professor and Quogue resident Roger Rosenblatt has entered very elite company -- he was one of only five professors selected among the 64 SUNY campuses to be a Distinguished Professor this year. He joins another Stony Brook professor in this rare honor. A photo is also attached. Thanks.

SUNY Appoints Two Stony Brook University Faculty To Distinguished Professor Ranks

Professors Jacak and Rosenblatt are recognized with highest faculty designation

STONY BROOK, N.Y., March 18, 2008 — The State University of New York Board of Trustees approved the appointments of two faculty members at Stony Brook University – Roger Rosenblatt, Professor, Department of English and Barbara V. Jacak is Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy – to distinguished ranks, as recommended by campus colleagues and SUNY Interim Chancellor Dr. John B. Clark. The rank of Distinguished Professor is the University's highest faculty designation.

Dr. Rosenblatt, a Quogue resident who is based at Stony Brook Southampton and is an integral part of its MFA in Writing and Literature program and heralded Summer Writers Conference, has published over 300 essays and articles as well as 10 books, over the last three decades. His eleventh book, his novel *Beet*, will appear in the spring of 2008. He also has two new plays in rehearsal. At every point, Dr. Rosenblatt's career has been marked by great distinction. He was a house Master at Harvard, Director of Education at the National Endowment for the Humanities, and an editor at six of the most influential journals in the country. His list of awards and honors runs from a Fulbright Scholarship to five honorary doctorates, to an Emmy. A public intellectual who regarded by his peers as a brilliant novelist and playwright, as well as a superb teacher, Dr. Rosenblatt is also a beloved and prolific essayist and commentator for the Public Broadcast System's "News Hour."

"The designation highlights teaching as well as the recipient," said Dr. Rosenblatt. "I am honored to be part of the Stony Brook faculty."

Dr. Jacak is an internationally renowned nuclear physicist who uses heavy ion collisions for fundamental studies of hot, dense nuclear matter. After carrying out important experiments at accelerator laboratories in the United States and Europe, she has been a leading member of the collaboration that built and operates the PHENIX detector at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Since arriving as a Professor of Physics in 1997, Dr. Jacak has led the Stony Brook PHENIX Group, and in December 2006 was elected as spokesperson by the more than 500 scientists involved in the PHENIX Collaboration. Their co-discovery the *quark gluon plasma* and its strongly coupled, liquid-like behavior was hailed as the top physics story of 2005 by the American Institute of Physics.

"It is a real honor to receive this recognition," said Dr. Jacak. "The

excellence, opportunities, and support from both Stony Brook and Brookhaven have made my work possible. Long Island is one of the most exciting places in the world for Science."

Appointment to the rank of Distinguished Professor is conferred upon individuals who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within a chosen field. This distinction is attained through significant contributions to the research literature or through artistic performance or achievement in the arts. The candidates' work must be of such character that the individuals' presence will elevate the standards of scholarship of colleagues both within and beyond these persons' academic fields. It must also be of such quality that students and scholars on other SUNY campuses could and would wish to benefit by lectures and seminars or other appropriate presentations the faculty members might bring to them.

"SUNY faculty who receive appointment to the distinguished ranks provide a glimpse of the broad service contributions and the career achievements being made on our campuses across New York State" Clark said. "Each of these individuals has met and exceeded the requirements for this honor and I commend the Board of Trustees for recognizing their talent and service by approving their appointments to distinguished ranks."

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 427,000 students in 7,669 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses.

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