

HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

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# The 50th Anniversary

*of the*

*New York  
Mets*

HOFSTRA  
UNIVERSITY

**Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28, 2012**

*In Memory of Hofstra University Professor Dana Brand  
Author of Mets Fan and The Last Days of Shea*

Registration Program

 **HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**  
*pride and purpose*

The 50th Anniversary  
of the  
*New York*  
*Mets*  
Conference

*is dedicated to the memory of*

**DR. DANA BRAND (1954-2011)**

Professor Dana Brand, former chair of the Hofstra University Department of English and a lifelong Mets fan, was a scholar and critic of American literature and late 19th- and early 20th-century culture. He joined the Hofstra faculty in 1989, and throughout his career at Hofstra, he produced not only academic books and articles on topics in literature, philosophy, and film, but also personal essays. Some of these essays became the basis for his book *Mets Fan*, which was released in 2007. His second book about baseball fandom, *The Last Days of Shea*, was published in 2009, and his efforts in the blogosphere earned him the nickname "The Proust of Mets Bloggers" in *The New York Times*.

From Professor Brand's essay "Baseball and the Life of the Mind" (relating a conversation he had while a graduate student at Yale with Bart Giamatti, J. Hillis Miller, and Jacques Derrida): "We were just, for that moment, some people talking about things we loved deeply. We knew that we didn't understand our love of sports any more than anyone else. But we were happy to stand out in the cold and share the fact that we loved it."

And we loved him.

**Contributing Organizations:**

**The Cradle of Aviation Museum**  
Garden City, NY  
Andrew Parton, Executive Director

**5 Towns Batting Range • Mini Golf • Target Paintball**  
Lawrence, NY

**THE PARTICIPATION OF SPEAKERS IS SUBJECT TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL SCHEDULES.**

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
April 26, 27 and 28, 2012

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# Thursday, April 26, 2012

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Multipurpose Room  
Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

10:30 a.m.-noon

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL I-A

#### FAMILY TIES

**Kathleen Lockwood**, Author  
*Family Ties: An Inside Look at Life Outside the Ballpark*

**Leslie Heaphy**, Kent State University  
*An Early Leader: Mrs. Joan Payson*

**Nick Diunte**, Middle Village, NY  
*Hometown Boys*

### PANEL I-B

#### YOU GOTTA BELIEVE: THE METS FAITHFUL

**Alan Freedman**  
The National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum  
*The Mets and Judaism*

**Jim Walters**, St. John's University  
*The Mets and Religion*

**Steven Amarnick**, Kingsborough Community College/CUNY  
*A Long Journey: Teaching Homer's Odyssey and the Mets*

### PANEL I-C

#### THE DESCENDANTS

**Michael Shapiro**, Columbia University  
*Bottom of the Ninth*

**Peter Laskowich**, West Paterson, NJ  
*Spiritual Descendants: The Mets Lineage*

**David Bagdade**, Indianapolis, IN  
*Marv Throneberry: The Myth and the Legend*

Noon-1 p.m.

## LUNCH (on your own)

### BROWN BAGGING IN THE BULLPEN WITH THE BLOGOSPHERE

Bullpen Roster: Lineup of Players TBA on "Game Day"

**Matthew Artus**, [amazonavenue.com](http://amazonavenue.com)  
**Matthew Callan**, [amazonavenue.com](http://amazonavenue.com)  
**Kerel Cooper**, [ontheblack.com](http://ontheblack.com)  
**Michael Donato**, [ceetar.com/optimisticmetsfan](http://ceetar.com/optimisticmetsfan)

**Joe Dubin**, Bronx, NY  
**Jason Fry**, [faithandfearinflushing.com](http://faithandfearinflushing.com)  
**Greg Prince**, [faithandfearinflushing.com](http://faithandfearinflushing.com)  
**Shannon Shark**, [metspolice.com](http://metspolice.com)

1-2 p.m.

## OPENING CEREMONY

### National Anthem

Performed by **Maggie Doherty**, Hofstra University, Class of 2012  
Winner of the 2011 Mets National Anthem Audition Search Contest

### Greetings

**Herman A. Berliner**

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Lawrence Herbert Distinguished Professor  
Hofstra University

### Dedication of the conference to Professor Dana Brand

### Remarks

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### Reading

**Peter Teleha**, Hofstra University, Class of 2014  
From Dana Brand's *The Last Days of Shea*

### Keynote Address

**John Thorn**

Official Historian, Major League Baseball

**Joseph G. Astman Distinguished Conference Scholar**

*Meet the Mets: A Fifty-Year-Long Love Affair*

2:15-3:45 p.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL II-A

#### WHERE WERE YOU IN '62?

**James Gates, Jr.**, National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum  
*The Forlorn Hope: The Forgotten Players of the 1962 Mets*

**Ron Briley**, Sandia Preparatory School

*A Tale of Two Franchises: The New York Mets and the Houston Colt .45's –  
The Other Expansion Team of 1962*

**Ira Stolzenberg**, Farmingdale State College/SUNY

*How the 1962 Amazon' Mets Mended the Broken Heart of a  
Brooklyn Dodgers Fan*

### PANEL II-B

#### RIVALRIES AND "REVIVALRIES" I

**Stanton Green**, Monmouth University

*Living With the Mets Through Their Rivalries*

**Christopher DeRosa**, Monmouth University

*Bad Guys, Good Guys, Dodgers or Gangsters?  
The Mets Rivalries With Their Own Ghosts*

**Kenneth L. Campbell**, Monmouth University

*Losers No More: The Historic 1969 Season and the Unlikely Rivalry  
Between the New York Mets and the Baltimore Orioles*

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## PANEL II-C

### "METSMOBILIA" AND MASCOTS

**Patty Rossi**, North Merrick, NY

*The Mascot: An Examination of Its Traditional Societal Significance and Its Evolution Into Its Modern Day Role in Major League Baseball, Specifically With Respect to the New York Mets*

**Bill Morales**, Bergen Community College

*"You Can Go Home Again": The Invention of Tradition and the "Selling" of the New York Mets*

**Mike Cesarano**, Queensborough Community College/CUNY

*The History and Evolution of the Mets Uniform and Logo Design*

4-5:30 p.m.

## PLENARY SESSION I

### AMAZIN' MEDIA: BROADCASTERS AND SPORTSWRITERS

**Hal Bock**, Former Sports Writer, *The Associated Press*

**Ed Ingles**, Professional in Residence, WRHU-88.7 FM,  
School of Communication, Hofstra University

**Stan Isaacs**, Writer, [thecolumnists.com](http://thecolumnists.com);  
Former Sports Writer, *Newsday*

**Steve Jacobson**, Former Sports Writer, *Newsday*

**Sal Marchiano**, Former Sports Anchor and Emmy Award Recipient,  
*CW11 News at Ten*

Commentator

**Peter Gershon**, Hofstra University

5:30-6:30 p.m.

## DINNER (on your own)

6:45-8 p.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL III-A

### THE KINGS OF QUEENS

**Charlie Vascellaro**, Baltimore, MD

*The King and I – Remembering and Writing About Dave Kingman*

**James Holzmeister**, Columbus Technical College

*Placing the Blame/Defining the Game: "The Midnight Massacre" and the Culture of the American Sports Business in the Later Twentieth Century*

**Jon Springer**, Brooklyn, NY

*Seaver Coming, Seaver Going*

# Thursday, April 26, 2012

## PANEL III-B

### MET(APHORS) AND MET(APHYSICS): POETRY READING

**Don Bowen**, Midland University  
and

**Henry Krusiewicz**, Midland University  
*Poetic License and the New York Mets:*  
*How Poetic Forms Ritualize the Mets*

**Frank Messina**, Author, Poet  
*Poetry Perfor-Mets*

## PANEL III-C

### DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN

**Russell Wolinsky**, Author  
*The Era Between June 15, 1977, and June 15, 1983*

**Michael Ruscoe**, Milford, CT  
*The Bad Guys Wore Blue: The 1986 Mets, the Elements of Story  
and Why We Watch Sports*

**John Scrimgeour**, Salem, MA  
*The 1986 Mets: Liberation and Failure*

8 p.m.

### FILM SCREENING: MATHEMATICALLY ALIVE: A STORY OF FANDOM (2007)

1 hr. 34 min.

**Katherine Foronjy** co-directed (with Joseph Coburn) this award-winning documentary, which captures the Mets fan experience as it stands in the wake of the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Ms. Foronjy will discuss the film during a Q-and-A session after the screening.

8 p.m.

### HOFSTRA ENTERTAINMENT presents

#### BASEBALL SWINGS!

Celebrating the Music of America's Favorite Pastime

Featuring **The Base Hits Quintet** and special guest vocalists

Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m.

Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. – *Doubleheader!*

For more information, please see page 13.

# Friday, April 27, 2012

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8 a.m.-3 p.m.

## REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Multipurpose Room  
Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

**WATCH FOR MR. MET!**

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9-10:30 a.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL IV-A

#### "METMOIRS" AND MANAGERS

**Skip Lockwood**, New York Mets (1975-1979)  
*Shea Stadium: Where Everyone Knows Your Name*

**John T. Saccoman**, Seton Hall University  
*Gil Hodges*

### PANEL IV-B

#### RHAPSODY IN BLUE (AND ORANGE)

**Lee Lowenfish**, Author  
*Remembering Jane Jarvis (1916-2010):  
The Mets One and Only Organist*

**Brian Cogan**, Molloy College  
and  
**Mike Faloon**, Co-Editor, *Zisk Online*  
*Hey get out of here, ya punks: The New York Mets as Punk Rock*

**David Krell**, Author  
*Meet the Mets: A Song, a Team, a History*

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL V-A

#### BY THE NUMBERS: STATISTICS AND ANALYTICS

**Vince Gennaro**, Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)

**Mark Simon**, ESPN.com

**Ben Baumer**, New York Mets

### PANEL V-B

#### IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN: AUTHOR ROUND-TABLE

**Matthew Silverman**, Author, New York Mets:  
*The Complete Illustrated History*

**Stanley Cohen**, Author, *A Magic Summer: The Amazin' Story of the  
1969 New York Mets*

**John Thorn**, Author, *Baseball in the Garden of Eden:  
The Secret History of the Early Game*  
**Joseph G. Astman** *Distinguished Conference Scholar*

Commentator

**Ron Kaplan**, Montclair, NJ

# Friday, April 27, 2012

## PANEL V-C

### AMAZIN' DAYS AND NIGHTS

**Andrew Sparberg**, Technical Career Institute  
*May 1957: Two Games and a Week That Foretold the Future*

**Matthew Yeazel**, Anne Arundel Community College  
*From Two Pair to a Straight Flush: What to Do With Flushing?*

**Alan Cohen**, West Hartford, CT  
*Memorial Day, Sunday, May 31, 1964: Thirty-Two Innings*

**Brian Altano**, Bergen Community College  
*The Summer of '69: Bella, the Mets and Paul Stephans' Car Wash*

12:15-1:15 p.m. **LUNCH** (on your own)

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**Shannon Shark**, [metspolice.com](http://metspolice.com)

1:30-3 p.m.

### PLENARY SESSION II

#### THE MIRACLE METS

*No autographs, please.*

**Bud Harrelson**, New York Mets (1965-1977); Long Island Ducks,  
Senior Vice President, Part Owner and Former Manager

**Ed Kranepool**, New York Mets (1962-1979)

**Art Shamsky**, New York Mets (1968-1971)

3:15-4 p.m.

### CONCURRENT PANELS

#### PANEL VI-A

#### POETRY IN MOTION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH ED CHARLES

*No autographs, please.*

#### Introduction

**George Vecsey**, Contributing Sports Columnist, *The New York Times*

**Edwin "The Glider" Charles**

New York Mets (1967-1969); Baseball's Poet Laureate

**Joseph G. Astman Distinguished Conference Scholar**

#### PANEL VI-B

#### SPECTATORS IN THE CITY: "TOONING" INTO THE METS

**Rob Edelman**, University at Albany/SUNY  
*The Mets in the Movies*

**Terry Joseph Cole**, LaGuardia Community College/CUNY  
*Drawn and Quartered: A History of the Mets in Sports Cartoons*

# Friday, April 27, 2012

4:15-6 p.m.

## PLENARY SESSION III

### NEW YORKERS RECALL THE DARK AGES: FOUR LONG YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE '69 METS

*No autographs, please.*

#### Introduction

**George Vecsey**, Contributing Sports Columnist, *The New York Times*

**Mrs. Gil Hodges**, Brooklyn, NY

**Gil Hodges, Jr.**, Brooklyn, NY

**Ed Kranepool**, New York Mets (1962-1979)

**Joe Pignatano**, New York Mets (1962)

6:30 p.m.

## VIP RECEPTION: MEET THE METS

*Reception Menu: Take Me Out to the Ballgame*

Starting lineup:

**Ed Charles**, **Bud Harrelson**, **Gil Hodges, Jr.**, **Ed Kranepool**,  
**Skip Lockwood**, **Joe Pignatano**, **Art Shamsky**, **Rusty Staub**

7:30 p.m.

## THE AMAZIN' METS GALA BANQUET

*Banquet Menu: Take Me Out to the Ballgame*

#### Greetings

**Stuart Rabinowitz**

President and Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Cluster  
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#### Remarks

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#### Banquet Address

**Rusty Staub**

New York Mets (1972-1975, 1981-1985)  
*Le Grand Orange*

*No autographs, please.*

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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## FOR THE PUBLIC

Please complete and return the Registration Form with your check or credit card information. Your official name tag and registration packet can be picked up at the Conference Registration Desk, which will be located in the Multipurpose Room of the Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 26, 27 and 28. Pickup hours are listed below:

Thursday:	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday:	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday:	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Parking is available on the North Campus adjacent to the Mack Student Center.

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## FOR HOFSTRA STUDENTS, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

All events, with the exception of the VIP Reception, Banquet and meals, are free to Hofstra students, faculty, administrators and staff upon presentation of a current HofstraCard.

Hofstra students, faculty, administrators and staff **must register**. Please complete the orange center section of this program and return to the Hofstra Cultural Center, 243 Gallon Wing, South Campus.

**Please note:** Free admission to conference events cannot be extended to family and friends of members of the Hofstra University community.

**ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE LISTED IN THE FINAL PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK.**

For more information, please contact the Hofstra Cultural Center at **516-463-5669**.

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# REGISTRATION FORM

## The 50th Anniversary of the New York Mets

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243 Gallon Wing  
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Hempstead, New York 11549-1130

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☐ I do not require hotel reservations.

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<b>Regular</b> (three days) \$100	_____	\$ _____
<b>Hofstra Alumnus/Alumna:</b> (incl. copy of Alumni Card) \$90	_____	_____
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<b>PEIR</b> (incl. copy of HofstraCard) \$45	_____	_____
<b>Matriculated Non-Hofstra Student</b> (incl. copy of ID) \$45	_____	_____
<b>Daily Rate</b> <input type="radio"/> Thursday \$40 <input type="radio"/> Friday \$45 <input type="radio"/> Saturday \$40	_____	_____
<b>Friday, April 27</b>		
<b>VIP Reception and Banquet</b> \$125	_____	_____
<b>Banquet only</b> \$75	_____	_____
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☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(payable to **Hofstra University-NY Mets Conference**).

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**Cancellations:** A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted for registration refunds; notice of cancellation must be received by **April 1, 2012**.

**Returned checks:** A \$25 handling fee will be charged for returned checks.

ALL EVENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE VIP RECEPTION, BANQUET AND MEALS ARE **FREE**  
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*Hofstra University is 100-percent program accessible to persons with disabilities.*



# Saturday, April 28, 2012

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

## REGISTRATION

Multipurpose Room

Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

8:30-9:30 a.m.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:30-11 a.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL VII-A

#### RIVALRIES AND "REVIVALRIES" II

**Michael Hauptert**, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

*New York, New York: A Financial History of Two Baseball Teams*

**Joseph Dorinson**, Long Island University – Brooklyn Campus

*Conversion From Ardent Yankee Fan to Loyal,  
If Disappointed, Mets Supporter*

**Dominic Longo**, American Historical Association

*The Keith Hernandez Trade*

### PANEL VII-B

#### "METS-TROPOLIS": COMING HOME

**Chris Horgan**

*Shea Stadium: From the Field to the Upper Deck,  
the Foundation of the Amazin' Mets*

**Peter Carino**, Indiana State University

*Shea Stadium as a Home for the New York Mets*

**Jeffrey Kroessler**, Lloyd Sealy Library,

John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY

*Professional and Amateur Sports in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park*

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### PANEL VIII-A

#### OH SHEA CAN YOU SEE? OR LIVIN' IN THE CITI

**Richard Pioreck**, Hofstra University

and

**Carl Galioto**, HOK Architects

*Making a House a Home: The Polo Grounds,  
Shea Stadium and Citi Field*

**Robert Brinkmann**, Hofstra University

and

**Elizabeth Strom**, University of South Florida

*How "Green" Is Your Outfield? Sustainability Practices at  
Citi Field and in MLB*

# Saturday, April 28, 2012

## PANEL VIII-B

### "METSMERIZED" – THE METS, MEDIA AND CULTURAL LITERACY

**Greg Prince**, Baldwin, NY

*Our Shared Language: The New York Mets Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*

**Kerel Cooper**, Edison, NJ

*The Mets and Social Media*

**Ray Stilwell**, Williamsville, NY

*The Decline and Loss of the New York Mets Radio Network*

#### Commentator

**Marc Ernay**, WINS Sports Anchor

Hofstra University, Class of 1988

12:30-1:30 p.m.

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1:30-3 p.m.

### CONCURRENT PANELS

#### PANEL IX-A

### THE WRITER'S GAME

**Stuart Miller**, Author

*The 100 Greatest Days in New York Sports*

**Jason D. Antos**, Whitestone, NY

*Images of Baseball: Shea Stadium*

**Judy V. S. Johnson**, North Chatham, MA

*Literature, the New York Mets and the Tug of Baseball*

#### PANEL IX-B

### MET-LIFE: THE '80S AND BEYOND

**Robert Emproto**, Huntington, NY

*25 Years of Not Rebuilding: Chasing the Ghost of 1986*

**Joseph Accordo**, Hofstra University, Class of 1992

*Fireworks at 4 a.m.: July 4-5, Mets vs. Braves*

**David Geller**, Hofstra University, Class of 2014

*How Should the Mets of the Late 1980s Be Remembered?*

**Matthew Callan**, Maspeth, NY

*Mets 2000: A Flawed Masterpiece*

# Saturday, April 28, 2012

## PANEL IX-C

## LOS METS

**Nicholas Birns**, Eugene Lang College  
*Benny Agbayani: Hero of the Multicultural Mets*

**Paul Fessler**, Dordt College  
*The Rise of Hispanic Players*

**Arthur J. Molins**, Lufthansa German Airlines  
*My Life as a Cuban-American Mets Fan*

3:15-4:45 p.m.

## CONCURRENT PANELS

## PANEL X-A

## FIELDING QUESTIONS: THE PASSION OF THE BLOGGERS

**Taryn Cooper**, galforallseasons.com

**John Coppinger**, metstradamusblog.com

**Steve Keane**, kranepoolsociety.com

**Greg Prince**, faithandfearinflushing.com

## PANEL X-B

## "METMOIRS" AND MEMORIES

**Peter J. Myers**, Palo Alto College  
*Metmoirs*

**NinaMaria Scaringello**, Mastic Beach, NY  
*A View From the Stands*

**Michael Donato**, Fair Lawn, NJ  
*The New Age Mets Fan*

## PANEL X-C

## FAN-ADDICTS AND "METSMOBILIA"

**Chris D'Orso**, Sound Beach, NY  
*From John DeMerit to Chris Schwinden:  
50 Years of Baseball Cards and the Mets*

**Marc Gold**, Gold Pure Food Products Co., Inc.  
*Met Maze: A Dream, a Journal, a Fan Club and a 14 Year Old*

**Andrew Richter**, Photographer, ImagesAR  
*A Visual History of the Last Days of Shea*

5 p.m.

## CLOSING RECEPTION

# RELATED CONFERENCE EVENTS

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Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library

*presents*

## EXHIBITIONS:

### **SIMPLY AMAZIN': A LOOK BACK AT 50 YEARS OF THE NEW YORK METS**

**April 5-May 31, 2012**

**A collection of photos, books and Mets baseball memorabilia**

Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall  
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus  
and  
Main Floor Lobby, Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, South Campus

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## EXHIBITION:

### **PERSONAL MEMENTOS FROM SHEA**

**From the Andrew Parton Collection**

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**Hofstra University Bookstore – A Service of Barnes & Noble**

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### **BOOK FAIR AND BOOK SIGNINGS**

Books on the Mets will be featured exclusively, and authors will be present to autograph purchased copies (times TBA).

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## FILM SHOWING:

***Last Play At Shea*, 2010 (90 min.)**

A documentary feature chronicling the history of two New York icons, Billy Joel and Shea Stadium, and the journey that brought them together for the last musical performance at Shea Stadium (featuring an interview with Dana Brand).

**Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28, 2012**

Film will run continuously between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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**Dates/Times:** Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m.  
Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m.  
Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. ("doubleheader")

**Location:** The Helene Fortunoff Theater  
Monroe Lecture Center  
California Avenue, South Campus

**Tickets:** \$20  
\$18 senior citizen (over 65) or  
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\$15 faculty/staff/matriculated student  
with current HofstraCard (one ticket per HofstraCard)

**Tickets on sale beginning March 27.**

**ALL SEATS RESERVED. NO REFUNDS.**

For tickets and information, please contact the John Cranford Adams Playhouse Box Office at 516-463-6644, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3:45 p.m. To order tickets online, visit [hofstra.edu/hofstraentertainment](http://hofstra.edu/hofstraentertainment).

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**METS MEMORABILIA RAFFLE AND AUCTION**

*Proceeds will benefit the Dana Brand Memorial Scholarship.*

Raffle tickets will be available at the Conference Registration Desk all day on Thursday, April 26, and Friday, April 27, and at the reception and banquet as well.

The drawing will be held April 27, 2012, at The Amazin' Mets Gala Banquet. Winners need not be present to win.

**Prizes Include:**

- A signed Tom Seaver baseball •
- A signed Mike Pelfrey jersey •
- A signed Mookie Wilson bat •
- A signed Ray Knight bat •
- Three (3) pairs of tickets to a Mets-Yankees Subway Series game •  
Friday, June 22, 2012, at 7:10 p.m. at Citi Field
- A voucher for four (4) field-level tickets for any regular season Mets home game. •  
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**For additional information, please call the Hofstra Cultural Center at 516-463-5669.**

# TRAVEL AND LODGING INFORMATION

The Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale has been designated the official conference hotel. The following is the special discounted rate for room reservations, as well as information on other local hotels.

## LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Blvd.  
Uniondale, NY 11553  
Att: Reservations Manager  
Phone: 516-794-3800 or 800-832-6255  
Fax: 516-794-5936  
Room rate: \$149 per night, single/double/triple/quad occupancy  
**Rates based on availability.**

## LA QUINTA INN AND SUITE

821 Stewart Avenue  
Garden City, Long Island, NY 11530  
Attn: Reservations Manager  
Phone: 516-705-9000 or 800-531-5900  
Fax: 516-705-9100  
Room rate: La Quinta Inns & Suites extends a discount to Hofstra University at a Tier 1 rate. Tier 1 rate fluctuates between \$141 and \$160 (rate may be \$160 during peak season).  
**Rates based on availability.**

## RED ROOF INN

699 Dibblee Drive  
Westbury, NY 11590  
Attn: Reservations Manager  
Phone: 516-794-2555 or 1-800-RED-ROOF  
Fax: 516-794-2539  
Room rate: Two-bed double room \$109.99+ tax (plus \$6 charge for additional person per room); Superior king room \$119.99+tax (plus \$6 charge for additional person per room)  
**Rates based on availability.**

## HAMPTON INN

1 North Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530  
Attn: Reservations Manager  
Phone: 516-227-2720 or 1-800-HAMPTON  
Fax: 516-227-2708  
Room rate: from \$139 per night, single or double occupancy  
**Rates based on availability.**

The Hampton Inn offers free hot breakfast, on-the-run breakfast bags, wired and wireless high-speed Internet access, local calls, 24-hour business center, 24-hour fitness center and suite shop, indoor pool, guest laundry facility, studio suites, meeting room, board room, and the 100-percent Hampton Inn satisfaction guarantee.

**NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 6 P.M. ON DAY OF ARRIVAL UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FIRST NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT OR SECURED BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD. RESERVATIONS AT THE DISCOUNTED RATE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE METS CONFERENCE AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY.**

Scheduled transportation will be arranged between the Hofstra University campus and the Marriott and La Quinta Hotels. Schedules will be available at the Conference Registration Desk as well as at the hotels.

# LOCATION OF HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY** is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, about 25 miles east of New York City, less than an hour away by train or automobile. The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has frequent trains to the Hempstead Station and the Mineola Station from Pennsylvania Station, located at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, as well as from the Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, New York. Use local taxi service to the Hofstra campus.

## **Local Taxi Service:**

All Island Taxi Service	516-481-1111
Hempstead Taxi	516-489-4460
Pub Taxi Service	516-483-4433
Ollie's Airport Service	516-437-0505
	516-352-6633
	718-229-5454

**BY CAR:** Travel on the Long Island Expressway to exit 38, Northern State Parkway, to Meadowbrook Parkway South (exit 31A), or Southern State Parkway to Meadowbrook Parkway North (exit 22N). Take Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4 (Hempstead Turnpike). Proceed west on Hempstead Turnpike (Route 24W) to the Hofstra campus (approximately one mile).

## **TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS:**

The Hofstra campus is located approximately 30 minutes by car from John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports.

## **CALL IN ADVANCE FOR RESERVATIONS:**

### **Long Island Airport Limousine Service (LIALS)**

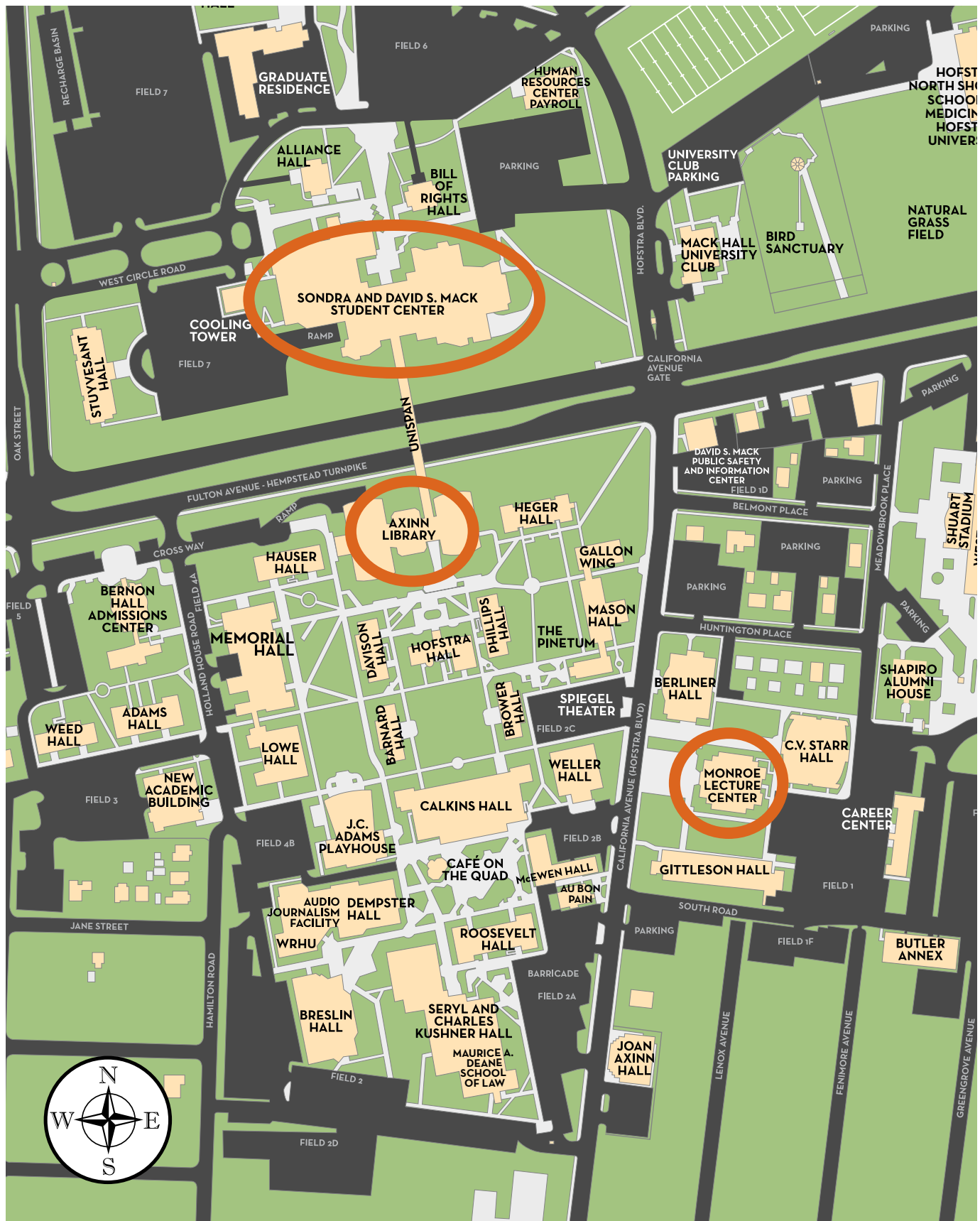
LIALS can be called upon arrival at either JFK or LaGuardia Airport at a public telephone: 656-7000 (no area code required). The phones are monitored from 4 a.m. through midnight, seven days a week.

### **U.S. Limousine and Car Service**

Personalized Transportation Service  
516-352-2225 or 800-962-2827

**NOTE:** Please be advised that there are no set fares charged by New York City yellow cabs between the airports and the Hofstra campus. Please confirm fee with the driver before starting your trip.

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