

PROFESSIONALS

Trecker named dean of Art Institute of Boston

The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University has named Stan Trecker of Brookline as dean of the college. He will assume his position in July.

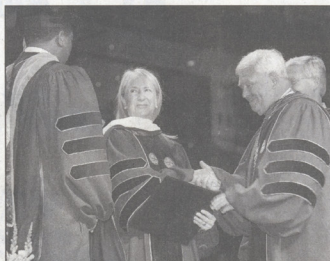


Stan Trecker

Currently president of Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Trecker served as president of AIB from 1991 through its merger with Lesley University in 1998, and its dean and director during the four transitional years.

Trecker has served as president of Montserrat for the past five years. He has also served as executive director of the Photographic Resource Center at Boston University, a nonprofit arts center, from 1980 to 1991. He holds a master of business administration degree from Indiana University and a master of fine arts degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Trecker will replace Terry Keeney, who will step down as dean of AIB to rejoin the faculty of Lesley College, where he served as an administrator and faculty member for three years prior to assuming the dean's role.



Margot Stern Strom receives an honorary degree from Suffolk University President David J. Sargent. Others in photo: Ralph Mitchell, Suffolk University Board of Trustees member; in background, Suffolk University Law Dean Robert H. Smith.

Stern Strom awarded honorary degree

Margot Stern Strom of Brookline, president and executive director of the Facing History and Ourselves Foundation, was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters from Suffolk University on May 20.

Suffolk President David J. Sargent recognized Stern Strom for her "great contributions over many years to the fight for justice and human rights — within this nation and across the globe."

According to Sargent, Stern Strom started her career as a public school teacher in Skokie, Ill., and Brookline before founding Facing History and Ourselves. The foundation teaches children to "listen to the voices of history" through curricula on genocide, from the Holocaust to genocide in Cambodia and Rwanda.

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Over the past decades, Coupounas has become a world-recognized pioneer and scientist, playing the roles of researcher, teacher, mentor, author, editor and public communicator.

MassBay professor honored for leadership

Maxine Elmont of Brookline, a behavioral sciences professor at Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley Hills, was a recipient of the first John F. McKenzie Leadership Awards during a scholarship gala June 7 in Framingham.

The awards are named in honor of MassBay's first president, and awarded to a student, staff or faculty member, alumnus and business and/or community partner who exemplify the mission and legacy of leadership established by McKenzie during his tenure.

Elmont, who has been teaching at MassBay since McKenzie was president, is the coordinator of

the Human Services Program and professor of behavioral sciences courses at the college. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Suffolk University, a master of education from Boston University and a doctorate of education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Listed in "Who's Who of Women, Who's Who Among American Teachers" and an International Woman of the Year, Elmont is also the recipient of several honors, including the Massachusetts Teachers' Human and Civil Rights Award and the Henry Young Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution to the National Association of Developmental Education. She is a published scholar and presents regularly at national and international conferences.

Dentist elected to MDS board

Dr. Lisa Vouras of Brookline, a general dentist practicing in Reading, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts



Dr. Lisa Vouras

Dentist Society, a statewide professional association serving more than 4,500 member dentists.

Previously, Vouras served as chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the East Middlesex District Dental Society, a component of MDS. She has also served as delegate to the MDS House of Delegates and co-chaired the Allied Scientific Committee for the Yankee Dental Congress, the fifth largest dental conference in the country.

A graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Vouras attended Boston University and Forsyth School for Den-

tal Hygiene. She is a member of several professional dental organizations, including the American Dental Association, the Academy of Dental Science and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Shapiro receives doctorate from Hebrew College

Brookline resident Enid Shapiro received a doctor of humane letters at Hebrew College's 82nd commencement on June 3 in Newton.

Shapiro's passion for education and *tikkun olam* — healing the world — led her to earn a master's degree from Simmons College School of Social Work in 1965. She served the Jewish and senior population through leadership positions at Jewish Memorial Hospital, Jewish Family and Children's Service and Coolidge House Nursing Care Center, and currently conducts a private practice through Geriatric and Family Service Associates.

Founder of the Hadassah Social Work Council, she maintains countless other community commitments. Among them, she was a member of the Board of the Fellowship in Israel for Arab-Jewish Youth for more than 20 years, and remained active with the organization when it became the Abraham Fund Initiatives. She has been involved with the Jewish Community Relations Council since 1991.

Convinced that "education is key to influential community involvement," Shapiro is an avid learner — she twice completed Me'ah (Hebrew College's two-year adult learning curriculum), once in 2001 and again in 2004 — and is an active lay leader of Hebrew College. Currently a member of the Board of Overseers and the Development Committee, she has been involved with the Interreligious Center on Public Life, a joint venture of Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School, since 1999. She and her husband, Mel, were awarded Hebrew College's Philip W. Lown Distinguished Service Medal in 1996 for their longstanding and exceptional service to Jewish education.

Shapiro and her husband are parents of three children: Laura Shapiro Kramer, founder of Resources for Children with Special Needs Inc. in New York; Robert E. Shapiro, a practicing lawyer and professor of political theory and philosophy in Chicago; and Amy Shapiro, a professor of philosophy in Milwaukee.

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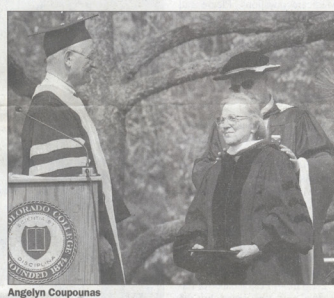
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Couponas awarded honorary D.Sc.

Angelyn Koungres Couponas of Chestnut Hill was honored with a doctor of science degree, honoris causa, from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Couponas, a Colorado College biology major, earned her PhD in immunohematology at the University of Cambridge in England, where she studied with Robin Coombs, the British physician and immunologist, and co-discovered of the Coombs test. She is the first person ever to be awarded a degree in immunohematology.

Nationally recognized as an authority on neonatal transfusion therapy and paternity testing, Couponas has contributed to the treatment and eradication of Rh hemolytic disease of the newborn, and has testified as an expert witness in court cases. She discov-



Angelyn Couponas

Chamber Annual Meeting and Reception

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Reception will be held Tuesday, June 26, at the Holiday Inn, 1200 Beacon St. The Annual Meeting will be held from 5-5:30 p.m., followed by the reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. There will be a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres will be served. To RSVP, contact Elizabeth Iannotti at 617-739-1330, or e-mail info@brooklinechamber.com.

Baby product wins national award

Brookline's Brooks Pond Inc.'s Carrier Cover was an Honors Award winner in the 2007 National Parenting Publications Awards competition.

The Honors Award is the second award granted to the Carrier Cover in the last year. The Cover, which fits soft infant carriers, strollers and car seats, in 2006 received an iParenting Media Award for its design, innovation and value.

The NAPPA Parenting Resources Competition is a companion to the NAPPA Children's Products program, which has been highlighting the best in children's toys, books, music, DVDs, software/video games/Web sites and storytelling/spoken-word recordings for 17 years.

GateHouse Media joins national ad network

GateHouse Media Inc., publisher of the Brookline TAB, has formed a national advertising alliance with nine other newspaper companies and a community newspaper industry association. The ad network, formed with

the trade group Suburban Newspapers of America, will make it easier for big media buyers to target consumers through thousands of community papers. The "hyper-local" approach to national advertising will feature a "one order, one bill" service.

"We are excited about the formation of this network," said Kirk Davis, president of Gate-

House Media New England. "There's considerable interest from national advertisers in using community newspapers to reach consumers. This network will provide the scale, affordability and flexibility they need."

The ad network's full owners are ASP Westward LP, American Community Newspapers LLC, Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., GateHouse Media, Schurz Communications Inc., Sun-Times Media Group and Suburban Newspapers Inc., the for-profit unit of SNA. Fractional owners are Rust Communications, Packet Publications, Recorder Community Newspapers and Holden Landmark Corp.

Each newspaper company is making an undisclosed investment in the ad network, which is scheduled to launch in mid-August.

Media buyers have been telling us for years that our industry is difficult to buy; now we are removing that barrier," said Nancy Lane, president of SNA, a Michigan-based nonprofit trade group that represents more than 2,000 newspapers in North America. "This alliance marks the first time that the community newspaper industry has collaborated on a project of this significance."

MANSLI, a division of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, will handle the network's backend operations, including database functions, billing and ad verification.

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The network will focus on traditional national ad categories such as travel, telecommunications, automotive, financial, insurance, pharmaceutical and political.

Brookline consultant helps women Dress for Success

Thanks to the collaboration of two Boston area businesses, Dress for Success Boston will have a new, improved storage area at its 989 Commonwealth Ave. Dress for Success Boston is a nonprofit whose mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Heidi Solomon, principal of POSH Consulting of Brookline, is donating its firm's organizational and strategic planning services to help Dress for Success improve the processing of weekly donations, thereby allowing staff more time and energy to focus on assisting clients. In talking with the team at Dress for Success Boston, Solomon learned that they are in desperate need of efficient and practical storage within their building. She contacted Brian McSharry, principal of Closet and Storage Concepts, and after devising a sorting and processing system together, Brian drafted the designs. He also agreed to donate the time and materials to build the shelving system in the back area of the building. The cost of building the closets is \$4,300.

"I am delighted to have helped put this program together," said Solomon. "Dress for Success Boston provides such a valuable service to women in need — and

it is great to find Brian and Closet and Storage Concepts who is willing to donate his time and effort to make this a reality."

Lown names new president

Brookline-based Lown Cardiovascular Research Foundation has appointed Dr. Vikas Saini as its new president.

A founding partner of the Cardiovascular Specialists in Hyannis, Saini's specialty is offering conservative cardiovascular alternatives to invasive management. He was also the founder of Cape Physicians LLC, a physicians network for insurance contracts, which later became Primary Care LLC, and was recently acquired by New England Medical Center. He is also co-founder of Aspect Medical Systems Inc.

Born in Punjab, India, Saini was 4 years old when he came to the United States. He graduated from Princeton University and Dalhousie University Medical School in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His residency was at Baltimore City Hospitals, a program of Johns Hopkins Hospital. Saini later accepted a fellowship at Boston with Dr. Bernard Lown at the Lown Laboratory at Harvard School of Public Health.

Saini's current research work includes developing a hypothesis that anesthetic depth alters the body's inflammatory tone long-term, and today the theory is being tested in clinical trials. Other research he is leading includes a longitudinal study on the early detection of Alzheimer's disease; a clinical trial looking at post-operative inflammation; and a new project designed to assess the potential of certain dietary plant polyphenols for cardiovascular prevention.