

# Eye On Campus

## Dr. Markley, 2007 Distinguished Educator

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Arnold Markley, associate professor of English, has earned Penn State Delaware County's prestigious 2007 Distinguished Teacher of the Year award, given at the conclusion of the Fall Honors Convocation held October 10. This recognition, voted on exclusively by the students, is given to a faculty member for excellence in teaching.

Charles Helou, professor of mathematics and recipient of the 2006 honor, presented Markley with the award. During his introductory remarks, Helou read many statements made by students, faculty, and staff members who nominated Markley for the award. Included in the comments were statements that reiterated over and over again that Markley is always willing

to go the extra step for the students and that he goes out of his way to ensuring everyone in his classroom understands the course material. Several comments also state that Markley is always respectful of his students, his colleagues and anyone he meets.

"In each class, Dr. Markley creates an atmosphere that is accepting of each individual's ideas... his knowledge of the material is humbling but without ego, which makes him one of the most approachable professors on campus," one individual wrote with regard to Markley's classroom demeanor.

Helou himself offered this personal observation. "I have watched this Distinguished Teacher, with admiration, not only dispense what is obviously inspiring teaching, but also efficiently and graciously perform multiple service activities, and at

the end of the day seemingly still have the energy and the serenity to pursue a very active and productive research agenda," he says fondly of Markley.

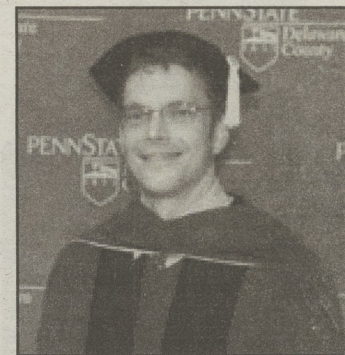
Paul deGatigno, Dean of Academic Affairs, confirmed that Markley was a fine choice for the honor.

"Dr. Markley is an outstanding communicator, sensitive to every nuance in his classroom, and superbly prepared to address a variety of topics in literature, history, and art. We especially applaud the passion he brings to his discipline and the classroom," he said.

Markley was pleased and proud to be making a difference in the lives of his students.

"I am honored that my students went to the trouble to nominate me for this award, and I am humbled to be recognized for my work in the midst of an unusually talented

faculty of master teachers at every level," he said. "To feel that my students learn in my classes is truly heartening, and I certainly continue to learn a great deal from them. It's a rare and wonderful feeling to be honored for doing a job that I enjoy so very much."



Dr. Markley  
Photo from PSU Delco's website

## 40th Anniversary Faculty Forum: Dr. Cimbala

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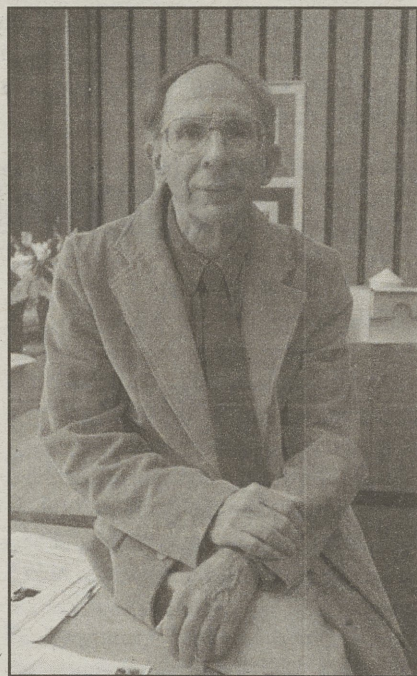
On Tuesday, October 16th in the Vairo Lounge, Dr. Stephen Cimbala, distinguished professor of political science, hosted the second round of the 40th Anniversary Faculty Lecture Series with a fascinating presentation entitled "From The Good Shepherd to 9-11: Forty Years of Intelligence." The lecture touched on the early history of the CIA to its most recent activity and form. Part of the lecture was devoted to the recent movie *The Good Shepherd*, which is based on the beginnings of the CIA through to the Cold War.

Like all Hollywood creations, the movie is not without its errors. According to Dr. Cimbala, the movie exaggerated the influence of the Skull and Bones society, which of course helped to dramatize and create an aura of exclusivity and secrecy to an already secretive agency. Interestingly enough, Dr. Cimbala remarked that the lives of the real individuals were sometimes much more interesting and colorful than the movie versions.

Prompted by Dr. Cimbala, Dr. Wayne McMullen also gave his own opinion on *The Good Shepherd* from the perspective of a film expert, and he seemed to be in complete agreement with Dr. Cimbala. He remarked, "The movie would have been twice as good had it been half as long."

Dr. McMullen will be hosting his own lecture for the Faculty Forum series with Mr. Joe Biscontini entitled, "Shadows and Light and Dames in the Night: Film Noir, the 40s and Beyond," on November 13th. Unlike the two previous lectures, this one will be held in Main

101. The Faculty Forum Lectures are part of the ongoing 40th Anniversary Celebration and are free and open to not only our campus community, but also the public. Don't miss out!



Dr. Cimbala

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By Lion's Eye Staff

Winter weather is just around the corner, so if a storm hits, keep these things in mind as you plan your day here at DelCo. In the event of an unanticipated closing due to inclement weather or another emergency, you may obtain official information regarding the status of classes by calling the Campus Student Information Line at 610-892-1275. Students are also reminded that several local radio and television stations will also carry cancellation announcements. The campus community can tune into to KYW NewsRadio -1060 AM, WXTF Fox 29 or NBC-10 after 6:00 am for information regarding the Penn State Delaware County schedule. Also keep in mind you can always check the campus website, but that posting on the website will be dependent on Internet connection and power.

In the event of a significant snowfall or snow closure, please try not to leave your vehicle in the campus parking areas as it becomes very difficult for the maintenance department to clear the snow from the lots.

DelCo also has in place what is called a late state policy. When a two-hour delay is announced, the first two hours of class time are eliminated. Instructors of those classes will announce make-up dates and times. Classes begin at 10:30 am. We will follow the normal class schedule for the remainder of the day. On Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, classes begin with the class regularly scheduled to begin at 10:30 am. On Tuesday or Thursday, classes begin at 10:30 am (one-third of the way through the class that normally begins at 10:00 am).

As always, travel safely when winter weather hits. Make sure you carry a blanket, food, shovel, flashlight with batteries, a cell phone, and other emergency items you may need in to keep yourself safe and warm.

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