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Hartwick College Professor of Philosophy and sculptor Dr. Stefanie Rocknak is a finalist in a competition to design the new National Native American Veterans Memorial planned for the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Rocknak was one of five finalists selected from 120 international submissions. The winning concept will be announced July 4. The memorial will be formally dedicated in 2020 on Veterans Day.

The memorial will honor American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans. It was established by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and will be on the mall between the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and the U.S. Capitol.

Rocknak won an international competition sponsored by the Edgar Allan Poe Foundation of Boston in 2014. Her sculpture in bronze stands 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 1,000 pounds in the city's Back Bay neighborhood.

Carter Dorie of Richfield Springs and Sarah Jean King of West Winfield were among 73 students recently inducted into the Lambda Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges and the largest honor society in American higher education. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students who have a 3.5 grade-point average or higher over at least 12 credit hours in a degree program.



Young

Geologist Dr. Michael Young will deliver the 2018 Leslie G. Rude Memorial Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Anderson Center for the Arts Theater on the Hartwick College campus. His presentation, “Mid-Century Resilience in the Face of Climate Extremes and Population Growth: How Lessons From the Lone Star State Can Benefit the Nation,” is free and open to the public.

Young is associate director for environmental systems and senior research scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology, Jackson School of Geosciences, University of Texas at Austin. His presentation will focus on the environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing.

According to a media release from the college, Young coordinates research programs for a group of approximately 60 researchers and post-doctoral and undergraduate students involved in a wide variety of environmental geosciences research.

He is also co-director of the International Soil Modeling Consortium, former editor of the Vadose Zone Journal, and is a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America and Geological Society of America.

Young has authored or co-authored nearly 80 peer-reviewed journal articles and several book chapters, delivered more than 200 presentations at scholarly meetings, and written many other technical reports. His personal research interests and experiences include water/energy nexus; water and land impacts from energy development; arid system ecohydrology; and the connection between water resources, landscape development, and human interactions.

Young obtained his bachelor’s degree in geology cum laude from Hartwick College in 1983; his master’s degree in Geological Sciences (Hydrogeology) from Ohio University in 1986; and doctorate in Soil and Water Science (Soil Physics/Hydrology) from the University of Arizona-

Tucson. He has also undertaken post-doctoral work in environmental engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and elsewhere.

As stated in the release, Rude was a Hartwick College faculty member and administrator. Following his death in 1998, Professor Emeritus Norma Hutman and Marion Rude established the Leslie G. Rude Memorial Lecture Series to reflect his passionate interests in political science and public speaking and his commitment to public life. The purpose of the Leslie G. Rude Memorial Lecture is to bring a speaker with political expertise to the Hartwick campus each year to share ideas with students, faculty, and community members about issues pertinent to the political climate.