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## We'd Like to Hear From You!

Please let us know if you have a great idea or if there is something you'd like to know or see in the newsletter, etc.

Send your comments and ideas to:

Cindy Robinson, CAPE Office,  
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## Happy Hour Indeed!

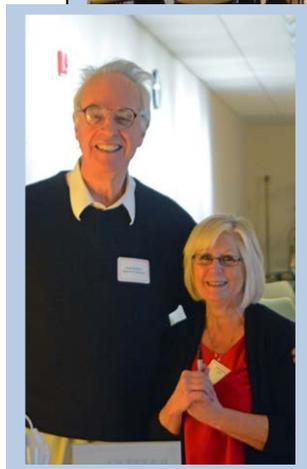


## A lovely time was had by all!

This past February and in partnership with Kendal of Ithaca, CAPE hosted a spectacular happy hour to break up the winter blues. We had a lovely time with luscious hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Kendal dining. Everyone enjoyed the light music of the hammered dulcimer and piano. Estimates of upward of 200 attended. Maybe we'll see you next time!



Sharing a Laugh -- Dean of Faculty, Charlie Van Loan helped host and serve, as did Brian Chabot, current president of CAPE.



**Transition to Retirement and Emeritus/a** -- The Dean of Faculty, Charlie Van Loan, has established a Transition to Emeritus Committee. The primary aim of the Transition to Emeritus Committee is to clarify the process of retiring and the process of becoming an emeritus faculty member. For information on the Proposed Process for Becoming Emeritus/a: <http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/news/transition-to-emeritus/>

**Improving the Retiring Process** -- CAPE has been working closely with the Office of Human Resources (along with the Cornell Retirees Association) to evaluate and improve the retirement process at Cornell. The initial phase of this project involved gathering feedback through interviews with retiring/retired faculty and staff, and evaluating the data to assess what is working well and could be improved upon. The work for this is ongoing and we will continue to report updates as they occur. If you have feedback or have questions, please contact: [cape@cornell.edu](mailto:cape@cornell.edu).

**CAPE Lecture Series Profile**  
**“Cornell Behind Bars”**  
**Cornell Prison Education Program**



Mary Fainsod Katzenstein (Government), the featured speaker of the February CAPE Lecture gave a very compelling presentation “Cornell Behind Bars”. Mary, along with faculty colleagues/ instructors and two graduates, who worked towards their degree while incarcerated, profiled the impact this extraordinary education program has provided.

Some years ago, Cornell University began a partnership with Cayuga Community College to offer an Associate degree program for men incarcerated at Auburn Correctional Facility. The Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP) now teaches college classes in three of the five local facilities. Begun under the auspices of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions (which continues to register the students each term), the Cornell Prison Education Program provides a liberal arts curriculum leading to an Associate of Arts degree for men incarcerated at the Auburn, Cayuga, and Five Points Correctional Facilities. Cornell faculty and doctoral students serve as instructors for all courses, and Cayuga Community college accredits the degree conferred upon eligible prisoners. Undergraduate teaching assistants aid the faculty and graduate instructors. There are guest lectures as well.

The program offers nearly a dozen courses each semester in such subjects as economics, constitutional law and individual rights, creative writing; genetics, medical anthropology, international human rights, writing, math, and Asian meditation. It strives to impart academic skills and modes of critical analysis that will help men in prison negotiate some of the tensions that are part of the everyday existence in a correctional facility, expand their personal horizons, structure professional ambitions, and prepare individuals in prison to join the workforce as informed citizens.

While the Cornell Prison Education Program makes a huge impact on students in the prison classroom (see short video: <http://cpep.cornell.edu/gallery/>) it is equally life changing for some of the Cornell students involved in the program (<https://vimeo.com/130454322>). Some of your colleagues are already involved: <http://cpep.cornell.edu/about-us/advisory-board/> and <https://vimeo.com/195036606>.



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**<http://cpep.cornell.edu/get-involved/guest-lecture-series/>**

## The 2017 CAPE Fall Lecture Series

### BTI Auditorium

10:30am-11:30am - come any time after 10am for refreshments

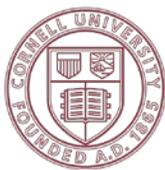
**September 21<sup>st</sup> Juan Hinestroza, Fiber Science -- Can nanotechnology be fashionable?**

The Hinestroza Research Group aims at understanding complex phenomena at the nanoscale that are of fundamental relevance to Fiber, Textiles and Polymer Science.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - TBA/Hold that date

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** - TBA/Hold that date

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - TBA/Hold that date



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