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A CITY RESURGENT: PATERSON 1890-1910

Sunday, February 24, 2008
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Anyone interested in Paterson and its history is invited to attend a free lecture and panel discussion, sponsored by the Friends of the Paterson Public Library and the Friends of the Cheng Library at William Paterson University. Three local historians will explore the story of the gilded age in Paterson at the turn of the last century.

THE PROGRAM

- **Boomtown of the 1890s**
Vincent Parrillo
- **The Great Paterson Fire of 1902**
Glenn Corbett
- **Paterson Rebuilds:
F. W. Wentworth**
Richard Polton

Panel Moderator
John Koontz

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The program will feature a panel of three speakers, whose presentations will be supplemented by historical photographs.

- **Vincent Parrillo**, a professor of sociology at William Paterson University, will discuss Paterson during the 1890s, a period of great prosperity during which the city and its silk mills were world-renowned. Dr. Parrillo, who was born and raised in Paterson, is the author of many books and journals and the writer, narrator, and executive producer of the award-winning PBS television documentary, "Smokestacks and Steeples: A Portrait of Paterson."
- **Glenn Corbett**, author of *The Great Paterson Fire of 1902*, will discuss the catastrophic event that destroyed the business center of the city. An associate professor of fire science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Corbett is also a technical editor of *Fire Engineering Magazine* and co-author of *Historic Fires of New York City*.
- **Richard Polton** will explore the role of architect Fred Wesley Wentworth in the rebuilding of Paterson. Born and raised in Paterson, Polton is a planner, appraiser, and principal in Value Research Group, an appraisal and real estate consulting firm. His interest in architectural history and the city of Paterson led to his research on F. W. Wentworth, which he has documented on a Web site, fredwesleywentworth.com.
- The panel will be moderated by **John Koontz**, M.A. '89, a member of William Paterson University's Friends of the Library.