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### **Welcome Back**

As the academic year 2004-2005 begins, the Executive Committee of the Hunter College Faculty Delegate Assembly wishes to welcome our new and returning colleagues, with best wishes for a productive year.

Three members of the Executive Committee were elected or reelected by you in September to two-year terms of office, respectively, as Secretary, Treasurer, Evening Session Representative. With approval of the FDA at its September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Professor Namby Krishnamachari assumes the vacant office of President for the year 2004-2005. Serving as officers of The General Faculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly of Hunter College this year are:

**Namby Krishnamachari** (Chemistry), President  
**Cynthia Degazon** (Nursing), Treasurer  
**Patricia Woodard** (Library), Secretary  
**Jason Young** (Psychology), Day Session Rep.  
**Cecile Insdorf** (Romance Languages), Part-time Representative

## **AN IMPORTANT VISITOR AT HUNTER** – Save the Date

**Dr. Selma Botman**, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will talk at the FDA meeting in Hunter College.

**The meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 16 at 1:15 in the President's Conference Room (Hunter East, 17<sup>th</sup> floor).**

Vice Chancellor Selma Botman, served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Massachusetts System from 1996 to 2003 under President William Bolger. From 2003-2004 she was at University of Massachusetts at Lowell where she was a professor in the department of Political Science and Special Assistant to the Chancellor. She received a B.A. from Brandeis University, a B.Phil. from Oxford University, and an A.M. and a Ph.D. in History and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University and is author of three books: *Engendering Citizenship in Egypt*, published by Columbia UP in 1999, *From Independence to Revolution: Egypt, 1922-1952*, published by Syracuse UP in 1991, and *The Rise of Egyptian Communism: 1939-1970*, also published by Syracuse UP in 1988.

**All faculty and staff are cordially invited. This event will be cosponsored by the President of Hunter College.**

### **New Faculty Orientation**

For the first time, this fall's New Faculty Orientation, sponsored by the FDA and the Provost's Office, was held prior to the beginning of classes, on August 26, 2004. About half of our new colleagues attended. In addition to brief presentations by college governance and PSC-CUNY representatives, the morning's agenda featured visits to the Library, the Sportsplex and to Student Services. Further stops included a smart classroom and the Reading and Writing Center. A demonstration of the Distance Learning Center was followed by lunch at the School of Social Work. In the afternoon new faculty members heard from Fringe Benefits and ICIT representatives. The FDA is greatly indebted to the Provost's Office, especially to Acting Associate Provost Michael Griffel and to Dianne Vargas for their support in the organization of this important

event. Many other members of the Hunter community also cooperated to make the day a success. We are grateful to all of them, including Joan Tronto, David Winn, Roberta Graziano, Pam Wonssek, Terry Wansart, Betsy Hipple, Greg Crosbie, Alex Roy, Steve Seraphin, Dennis Paoli, Nancy Guarino, Anand Padmanabhan, Cindy Depena, Jessica Tucker, and Sergio Aguilar.

### Welcome to Our Newest Colleagues

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate Assembly warmly welcomes our new faculty colleagues who have received full-time appointment to the faculty of Hunter College of The City University of New York effective September 1, 2004:

Adrienne Alaie-Petrillo – Biological Sciences  
 Jochen Albrecht – Geography  
 Ahmed Bawa – Physics & Astronomy  
 Kunsoock Bernstein – School of Nursing  
 Manu Bhagavan – History  
 Margaret Cameron – Philosophy  
 David Carlson – Curriculum & Teaching  
 Chou Chih-Chin – Educational Foundations  
 & Counseling Programs  
 Julie Anne Chronister – Educational Foundations  
 & Counseling Programs  
 David Donabedian – Library  
 Dana Draghicescu – Mathematics & Statistics  
 Aida Egues – School of Nursing  
 Nancy Foner – Sociology  
 Philip Gersmehl – Geography  
 Joyce Griffin-Sobel – School of Nursing  
 Donna Haverty-Stacke – History  
 Marlene Hennessy – English  
 Maria Hernandez-Ojeda – Romance Languages  
 Lawrence Kowerski – Classical & Oriental Studies  
 Joon Sun Lee – Curriculum & Teaching  
 Scott Lemieux – Political Science  
 Michael Lewis – Psychology  
 Andrew Lund – Film & Media  
 Siu-Ping Ma – Student Services  
 Neepta Maitra – Physics & Astronomy  
 Bede McCormack – Curriculum & Teaching  
 Barbara O'Connor – Health Sciences  
 Susan Pivko – Health Sciences  
 Laxmi Ramasubramanian – Urban Affairs &  
 Planning  
 Jack Salzman – History  
 Virginia Santos-Rivero – Romance Languages

Leighsa Sharoff – School of Nursing  
 Elizabeth Simon – School of Nursing  
 Joseph Viteritti – Urban Affairs & Planning  
 Harold Wenglinsky – Curriculum & Teaching  
 Yat Ping Wong - Library

**Best wishes from all your colleagues at Hunter!**

### A Note of Thanks

On behalf of the faculty, appreciation is extended to Prof. **Eckhard Kuhn-Osius** from the German Department for his service to the Faculty Delegate Assembly as President of the FDA from 2003-2004. Before his time as President, he served terms as Vice President and as Secretary of the FDA.

Professor Kuhn-Osius is spending this year on leave in Germany. He serves as the director of "Europa-Kolleg" language institute, Hunter's partner institution in our highly successful German study abroad program. He is using his expertise in assessment based instruction based on the Hunter model to restructure parts of Europa-Kolleg's program so that the institute can serve its international clientele even better than before.

The Hunter faculty was very fortunate to have been represented by Prof. Kuhn-Osius. **Danke sehr!**

### New Department Chairs Elected

We are pleased to note that the following departments at Hunter College elected or reelected Chairpersons for the forthcoming three-year period (7/1/04-6/30/07):

Chemistry - Gary Quigley  
 Computer Science - Virginia Teller  
 Economics - Marjorie Honig  
 German - Annette Kym  
 Philosophy - Frank Kirkland  
 Physics & Astronomy – Ying Chih-Chen  
 Sociology - Robert Perinbanayagam  
 Theater - Jonathan Kalb

**Senate Officers Elected**

We wish to congratulate Professor Joan Tronto (Political Science) who was re-elected to serve as Chair of the Hunter College Senate for 2004-2005. Congratulations also go to Mr. Charles Davis, Vice Chair (Computer Science Major), Professor Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching), Secretary, and Professor Michael Turner (History), Chair of the Evening Council. The FDA extends its congratulations and warmest good wishes to the Senate Administrative Committee.

**Congratulations!**

We proudly congratulate our colleagues listed below who have been promoted.

**School of Arts & Sciences**

*To Professor*

Ronnie Ancona - Classical & Oriental Studies  
 Juan Battle - Sociology  
 Charles Michael Drain - Chemistry  
 Susan Gonzalez - Music  
 Ehiedu E. Iweriebor - Africana & Puerto Rican./Latino Studies  
 Ines Miyares - Geography  
 Claus Mueller - Sociology  
 Andrew Polsky - Political Science  
 Lev Shneyerson - Mathematics & Statistics

*To Associate Professor*

Christa Acampora - Philosophy  
 Lisa Corinne Davies - Art  
 Mary Flanagan - Film and Media  
 Sandeep Prasada - Psychology  
 Katy Siegel - Art  
 Alan Vardy - English

**School Of Education**

*To Professor*

Carmen Mercado - Curriculum and Teaching  
 Janet Patti - Curriculum and Teaching

*To Associate Professor*

Calliope Haritos - Educational Foundations and Counseling Programs  
 Marcia Knoll - Curriculum and Teaching  
 Gess LeBlanc - Educational Foundations and Counseling Programs

**Schools of Health Professions**

*To Associate professor*

Vidette Todaro-Franchesi - Nursing

**School of Social Work**

*To Associate Professor*

Sarah Jane Dodd

**Ancillary Units**

*To Associate Professor*

Tony Doyle - Library  
 Wendy Tan - Library  
 Claibourne Williams - Library

Congratulations on this Significant Achievement.

**Significant Milestone**

On behalf of the entire Hunter College Community, we proudly congratulate our colleagues listed below who have been awarded tenure effective September 1, 2004. We wish them continued success in their work in the years ahead:

Katy Siegel – Art  
 Derrick Brazill – Biological Sciences  
 Cornelia Popa – Chemistry  
 Gheorghe Solotchi – Chemistry  
 Joanne Spurza – Classical & Oriental Studies  
 Stephen DeMeo – Curriculum and Teaching  
 Subash Shankar – Computer Science  
 Fatma Cebenoyan – Economics  
 Gess LeBlanc – Educational Foundations  
 Jeanne Weiler – Educational Foundations  
 Christina Alfar – English  
 Nico Israel – English  
 Marianna Pavlovskaya – Geography  
 Philip Alcabes – Health Sciences  
 Thomas Holland – Health Sciences  
 Susan Klitzman – Health Sciences  
 Robert Orlikoff – Health Sciences  
 Tony Doyle – Library  
 Claibourne Williams – Library  
 Lev Shneyerson – Mathematics & Statistics  
 Brad Stoller – Music  
 Bernadette Hadden – Social Work  
 Nancy Foner – Sociology  
 Joong-Hwan Oh – Sociology  
 Claudia Orenstein – Theatre  
 Jill Gross – Urban Affairs & Planning  
 Lynn McCormick – Urban Affairs & Planning

### **Grant Awards**

Mr. Robert Buckley, Director, Research Administration, has reported that the Research Foundation lists 290 awards totaling \$39,076,194 in support of sponsored faculty projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Hunter faculty and staff participate in a number of other projects that are funded through the University or other CUNY colleges. Adding the funding that comes to Hunter from those awards brings the total for the year to \$44.4 million.

Approximately \$22.5 million was received from federal government agencies and \$14.4 million from State and City agencies, with the remaining awards from corporations, foundations and non-profit organizations.

### **Special Recognition**

We are pleased to recognize that Professor **Nancy Foner** has been named Distinguished Professor at Hunter College effective September, 2004. Well done, Prof. Foner!

### **The Employee Assistance Program Presents Lunchtime Seminar Series**

The following lunchtime seminars will be offered by the EAP this semester. All Hunter College faculty and Staff are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring your lunch. To register for the seminars, please call Ms. Beverly Webb-Taylor at x 4051.

#### *Buying a Co-op or Condominium*

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, West 415

Presenter: Richard Benenson, real estate developer, licensed real estate broker and owner of Benenson Equities Company.

#### *Losing an Identity, Finding Life*

Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

12 PM to 1 PM, West 1337

Presenter: Barbara Rubin, PhD, Professor Emeritus, New Jersey University.

### **Our Very Best Wishes!**

We wish to note that the following full-time faculty will go on retirement as of 9/1/2004:

Marilyn May - Nursing

Mary Small - Mathematics & Statistics  
 Maria Tomasz - Distinguished Prof. Chemistry  
 Edward Tryon - Physics & Astronomy  
 Harold Weissman - Social Work

We wish you joy and fulfillment in whatever you decide to do next.

If you wish to remain on our mailing list for the ***Voice***, please call or send e-mail.

### **Fellowship Leaves:**

Congratulations go to our colleagues who were awarded a Fellowship (Sabbatical) Leave to pursue important scholarly work in their disciplines:

#### *On leave for the **full year** at half-pay are:*

Miriam Abramovitz, Social work  
 Andrea Blum, Art  
 Barbara Bosch, Theatre  
 Uradyn Bulag, Anthropology  
 Der-lin Chao, Classical & Oriental Studies  
 Howard Chernick, Economics  
 Shirley Cohen, Special Education  
 Diana Conchado, Romance Languages  
 Yvonne DeGaetano, Curriculum & Teaching  
 Marie Filbin, Biology  
 Arnold Gibbons, Film & Media  
 Hongmian Gong, Geography  
 Steve Greenbaum, Physics & Astronomy  
 Alan Hausman, Philosophy  
 Carlos Hortas, Romance Languages  
 Marnia Lazreg, Sociology  
 John Loustau, Mathematics & Statistics  
 Shafer Mahoney, Music  
 Constantin Negoita, Computer Science  
 Kathleen Nokes, Nursing  
 Jeffrey Osleeb, Geography  
 Maria Paynter, Romance Languages  
 Rolando Perez, Library  
 Nadya Peterson, Classical & Oriental Studies  
 Julia Pryzbos, Romance Languages  
 Michael Rutenberg, Theatre  
 Anthony Sainz, Social Work  
 Cullen Schaeffer, Computer Science  
 Ruth Sidel, Sociology  
 Trudith Smoke, English  
 Arlene Spark, Health Sciences

#### *On leave for **half year** at full-pay are:*

Sherryl Graves, Educational Foundations  
 Stephen Burghardt, Social Work  
 Carole Birdsall, Nursing

On leave for *half year* at quarter pay are:  
Robert Koehl, Classical & Oriental Studies  
Donna Masini, English

*Scholar Incentive Award:*  
Robert Seltzer, History

**Dates to Include on Your 2004-2005  
Calendar**

In order to assist faculty in planning for all their obligations, we are publishing the Hunter College Calendar for the rest of the academic year:

**September**

8 Senate Meetings  
8 Department Meeting  
22 FDA Meeting  
22 Senate Meeting

**October**

13 Senate Meeting  
13 Department Meetings  
20 FDA Meeting  
27 Senate Meeting

**November**

3 Senate Meeting  
10 Department Meetings  
17 FDA Meeting  
17 Senate Meeting

**December**

1 Senate Meeting  
8 Department Meetings  
8 Senate Meeting  
15 FDA Meeting  
16-23 Final Examinations  
24-31 Winter Recess

**January**

19 Winter Commencement  
27 First Day of Classes

**February**

9 Senate Meeting  
9 Department Meetings  
16 FDA Meeting  
23 Senate Meeting

**March**

9 Senate Meeting  
9 Department Meetings  
16 FDA Meeting  
23 Senate Meeting

**April**

6 Senate Meeting  
13 Department Meetings  
20 Senate Meeting  
20 FDA Meeting  
23-25 Spring Recess  
TBA\* Honors Convocation (Honors Week)

**May**

4 Senate Meeting  
11 Department Meetings  
11 Senate Meeting  
18 FDA Meeting  
18 Senate Meeting  
20-27 Final Examinations

**June**

8 Spring Commencement

\*To be announced

**Delegates and interested faculty should note that meetings of the FDA and General Faculty this semester are held on Wednesdays, 1:15 - 3:00 PM in room 709 West.**

**UFS Fall Conference – Save the Date**

*Defining & Defending Academic Freedom*  
Friday, December 3, 2004

**Featuring:**

Keynote speaker Robert M. O’Neil, LL.B.,  
Director of The Thomas Jefferson Center of the  
Protection of Free Expression.  
Matthew W. Finkin, LL.M., University of Illinois  
College of Law, chair of AAUP Investigative  
Committee on CUNY.

**Romance Language Film Festival**

Dr. Cecile Insdorf, Executive Committee member, has been named Director of the Romance Languages Film Festival, an event she created in 2001 to present screenings of masterpieces in French, Spanish and Italian introduced by famous speakers. Her recent guests include Pedro Almodovar, Sir Ben Kingsley, and Jeremy Irons. On November 22, acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns (“Jazz,” “The Civil War”) will present “The Bicycle Thief” at 5:30 in the Chanin Center. And for her popular annual course, “Film and the French Novel,” she recently brought to Hunter such guests as Sigourney Weaver, Alec Baldwin, and Meryl Streep.

The FDA has the following two rooms available:

### **The Solarium**

The Faculty Conference Room located at 1413 East has been wired and is available for use on a first come, first served basis all through the year. A sign-up sheet is posted on the door. Please see Ms. Cindy DePena or Ms. Jessica Tucker in 1414E for access.

### **The Faculty/Staff Lounge**

The Faculty/Staff Lounge is open 2:00-5:00PM, Monday through Thursday, through December 9th. The lounge is located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor West Building. If you need a quiet retreat for a short while, stop in and have coffee, tea and cookies with our compliments. Also, check out the latest issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* while you're there. The Lounge is also available to faculty and staff who wish to schedule book parties or small social events. Please call the FDA Office (x4123) to schedule your event.

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Jason Young: Day Session Rep. (Psychology)

Cecile Insdorf: Rep. of Part-Time Fac. (Romance Languages)

Cindy DePena, Jessica Tucker, and Sergio Aguilar are Administrative Assistants to the FDA.