Presidential Initiatives to Increase Student Engagement
2007-2008

Student Presentation Initiative
The Student Presentation Initiative provides funding to offset some travel expenses for faculty-nominated students who will present their work at professional conferences that they attend with Hunter faculty; or to organize a faculty sponsored, student-scholarship conference at Hunter.

► Economics
Activity: The New York Region Federal Challenge Competition
Faculty: Sangeeta Pratap
Students: specially selected Economics majors
Summary
Eight undergraduates majoring in Economics represented Hunter College in the New York Region Fed Challenge competition, which is organized annually by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The competition consisted of a 20-minute presentation by the students and a 10-minute question and answer session. Approximately twenty college teams from the tri-state area participated.

► Film and Media Studies
Activity: International Conference on Television, Audio, Video, New Media, and Feminism
Faculty: Isabel Pinedo
Students: David Gallagher, Monica Zoë Janis
Summary
Two Media majors—David Gallagher and Monica Zoë Janis—participated in the International Conference on Television, Audio, Video, New Media, and Feminism: Console-ing Passions, at the University of California at Santa Barbera.

► Geography
Activity: Spacial Justice Conference
Faculty: Joni Siegal
Student: Erin Araujo
Summary
Graduate student Erin Araujo presented “Polluted Streams: The Political Economy of Potable Water in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico” at the Spacial Justice Conference in Nanterre, France. Ms Araujo’s paper explored the privatization of water purification and delivery services in developing countries, using the Mexican state of Chiapas as her subject.

► Mathematics and Statistics
Activity: American Mathematical Society/Research Experience for Undergraduates Conference
Faculty: Ada Peluso
Student: Yevgeniy Milman
Summary
Student Yevgeniy Milman presented “A Bucklying Problem for Graphene Sheets” at the Research Experience for Undergraduates Conference in San Diego, which was sponsored by the American Mathematical Society.
Philosophy
Activity: Examining Whiteness Conference
Faculty: Frank Kirkland
Student: Erika Soto
Summary
Erika Soto’s presented “Jorge Garcia’s Argument for Hispanic/Latino Identity: A Critique” at Examining Whiteness, an academic conference on White privilege and racism in America at Allegheny College.

Activity: Nietzsche Conference
Faculty: Christa Acampora, Barbara Sproul
Student: David Cerequas
Summary
Senior David Cerequas participated in a conference conduction research on Nietzsche using new technologies and a recently discovered text.

Political Science
Activity: National Model UN/Harvard University Model UN
Faculty: Pamela Falk
Students: Hunter College Model UN students
Summary
Selected Hunter students participated in the National Model UN in Massachusetts. The event provided an opportunity for Hunter undergraduates to engage in simulations that promote a more complete understanding of current world issues.

Psychology
Activity: Measuring Zoo Animal Welfare Conference
Faculty: Sheila Chase
Student: Marieke Gartner
Summary
Marieke Gartner, who is a graduate student in Hunter’s Animal Behavior Concentration, presented “Temperament Assessment in Snow Leopards (Panthera uncia) at Measuring Zoo Animal Welfare: Combining Approaches and Overcoming Challenges in Chicago.

Activity: International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)
Faculty: Michael Siller
Student: Anna Kemp Ray
Hunter graduate student Anna Kemp Ray presented “Behavioral Observations of Children’s Responses to Others’ Distress Predict Teacher Ratings of Social Abilities” at the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR) in London.

Urban Affairs and Planning
Activity: 2008 Urban Affairs Association Conference
Faculty: Sigmund C. Shipp
Students: Kenneth Comia, Mary Rocco, Scott Solomon, James Michael Wilkerson
Summary