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*Patricia Phelps de Cisneros
(seated, right)
and her husband,
Gustavo A. Cisneros
(left) joined by
Jennifer J. Raab
(seated left)
and (from right)
The Fundación Cisneros'
Adriana Cisneros de Griffin,
Gabriel Pérez Barriero,
and Hunter's
Joachim Pissarro
at the signing of the
Hunter/CPPC partnership.*



Million Dollar Gift Makes Hunter College A Center for the Study of Latin American Art

A \$1 million gift from Fundación Cisneros/Colección Patricia Phelps de Cisneros (CPPC) has created a five-year Hunter professorship devoted to teaching and exhibiting art of Latin America and will give Hunter full access to artworks from the CPPC.



Harper Montgomery

After an extensive, international search, Dr. Harper Montgomery, a leading expert in Latin American art, was named the Patricia Phelps de Cisneros Professor of Latin American Art. Montgomery called the opportunity “thrilling” and said she was looking forward to mentoring students who pursue research in Latin American art at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition to developing and teaching new art history classes, she will assume the role of ambassador for Latin American art throughout the college. She will also oversee two exhibits in the Hunter art galleries, giving students first-hand curatorial experience – a career asset for future art historians.

“We welcome the opportunity to advance the study of Latin American art. With the resources of the Colección

Patricia Phelps de Cisneros, our faculty and students will have an opportunity to take a leadership position in this field,” said Hunter President Jennifer J. Raab.

Joachim Pissarro, the Bershad Professor of Art History and director of the Hunter Art Galleries, praised the Cisneros partnership and predicted it will have “a lasting impact.”

Mrs. Cisneros, who is also a board member of the Museum of Modern Art and the International Council of London’s Tate Gallery, said, “We are confident that Hunter will play a pivotal role in raising international understanding and appreciation of Latin American art and culture.”

The Hunter College/Cisneros partnership is the latest in a series of partnerships that the Fundación Cisneros and the CPPC have formed to enhance appreciation of the diversity, sophistication and range of art from Latin America.

“People who collect art have a responsibility to share their collections through lending and educational programs,” said Mrs. Cisneros.

From the President

This year marks my 10th anniversary as president. Looking back, I am so proud of all we have accomplished together in turning Hunter College into a premier school for the 21st century. We owe much of that success to our donors, who have matched generosity with vision and proved time and time again the transformative power of philanthropy.

Every gift to Hunter is a gift to our students and to the future of the College. Our gratitude is profound – particularly so for those gifts that make a difference in creative and unexpected ways, and that make possible entirely new opportunities for advancement and innovation.

Examples include the \$1 million gift to Hunter’s School of Education from Lew Frankfort (‘67) and his wife, Bobbi, that enabled us to create our revolutionary student-teacher video analysis project, now a national model of teacher training; the \$200,000 gift from the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, with which we are launching a new doctoral program in nursing practice; and another \$1 million gift, from Jody and John Arnhold, with which we have created three new graduate programs in dance and dance education.

These are just three of the many contributions that have propelled Hunter into the top ranks of higher education, public or private. Again, I am proud of the advances of the last 10 years – but I am even prouder of the promise of what lies around the corner and in the years ahead, promises that you, our donors, are helping turn into reality. Thank you for being part of Hunter’s storied past, incomparable present, and brilliant future.

Jennifer J. Raab

Three Big Steps for Arnhold Dance Gift



(From left) Heather Watts, Christopher Pennington, Kathleen Isaac, Joan Finkelstein, Carol Fineberg, Jody Arnhold and Tina Ramirez

Hunter is moving briskly to put a \$1 million contribution from Jody Gottfried Arnhold and her husband John into motion – literally. The gift was earmarked for the College’s Dance Program to increase the number of dance teachers certified to teach in public schools and colleges. A former dance teacher herself, Jody Arnhold believes that “dance should be a part of every child’s education.” Among the actions that have been taken:

A 16-member Dance Advisory Board has been established with a membership that includes some of the most esteemed dancers, educators and institutional leaders in dance and theater as well as leading supporters of the arts. (See adjoining box.)

Kathleen Isaac, a renowned dance educator with more than 25 years of experience and strong connections to NYC’s public schools and cultural organizations, has been named the inaugural Arnhold Distinguished Lecturer in Dance Education.

The Hunter dance curriculum has been updated to reflect the new programs that the Arnhold gift is funding, including a five-year BA/MA, a two-year dance education MA and a dance MFA. Students in the BA/MA program will begin this fall.

Arnhold, the former chair of Ballet Hispanico and vice chair of the Center for Arts Education, became involved with Hunter in 2008 when she sponsored two dance students through the Mother’s Day Scholarship program in honor of her mother, Lenora Marcus Gottfried (‘35).

Hunter Dance Advisory Board

Jody Gottfried Arnhold
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Trustee, American Ballet Theatre

Emily Altman
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Corah Cahan
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Tina Ramirez
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New York Historical Society

Arlene Shuler
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New York City Center

Carol Fineberg
National arts education consultant

Catharine Tharin
Choreographer and
dance educator

Joan Finkelstein
Director of Dance,
NYC Department of Education

Heather Watts
Former principal dancer,
New York City Ballet

Eileen Goldblatt
Director of Arts Accountability,
NYC Department of Education

Stephen Weinroth
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Helen Heineman Haje
Former principal dancer,
Harkness Ballet

Barbara Zalaznick
Arts philanthropist and partner,
Milstein Associates

Read All About It: The Library Enters the 21st Century

The challenge is clear: Hunter’s library is no longer adequate to meet the needs of 21st-century students. The solution is equally clear: The library should be renovated, modernized and expanded.



Lisa Witten

The results so far have been impressive. More than \$5 million has been raised, and work on the four-year-long renovation begins this fall.

Meanwhile, the fundraising campaign continues with the goal of attracting gifts from every level of giving.

The origins of the project trace back to 2006, when President Raab identified conditions in the library — from its uninviting atmosphere to the inadequacy of its technology— as one of Hunter students’ chief concerns. In naming a special task force to envision a 21st-century facility, Raab said, “Hunter students deserve more than a library they have to go to. They deserve one they want to go to.”

Charged with envisioning a Hunter library for today’s students, the 40-plus-member task force — chaired by Urban Public Health Professor Barbara Berney and consisting of students, faculty,



Abby Miller Levy

librarians, and staff — developed an extensive report with recommendations on improving library facilities, holdings, and programs. Many of the most significant recommendations will be put into action during the renovation.

The first and most prominent change will be the conversion of much of the library’s main floor into an “information commons,” to be named in honor of its donor, Richard Gilder,

and his sister, Assistant Provost Peggy Tirschwell. The commons will include wide and welcoming gathering spots for students and an interactive reference and information desk inspired by the “Genius Bar” in Apple stores (complete with a scrolling LED “zipper” display). There will also be a new main reading room with backlit glass walls that serve as whiteboards, as well as the Barbara Lang Study Center, a gift from Eugene Lang in honor of his sister, a 1957 Hunter graduate.

“The library must support the overall mission of the college”

—Lisa Witten

The newly renovated library will also be home to a Macaulay Honors Study Center, thanks to a gift from Dorothy Kryger (‘45), and a science learning center, made possible by a \$350,000 gift from the Skirball Foundation. Through the efforts of Board of Trustees donors, the library’s fleet of loaner laptops is being expanded to meet student demand.

Keeping the fundraising drive alive and successful will be a major challenge. But Co-Chairs Witten and Levy provided the perfect explanation for why it is so important.



Richard Gilder

“Libraries are the hearts of our countries’ excellent universities. Twenty-first century technology has not made them extinct, but requires adjustments to the way they serve students. The library must support the overall mission of the college: to encourage the fullest possible intellectual and personal growth in each student,” Witten said.

Grant Creates Professorship For Hunter's Math Center

Thanks to a \$525,000 grant from The Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation, Hunter has named Olga Kharlampovich as its inaugural Mary P. Dolciani Professor of Mathematics.



Olga Kharlampovich

Dr. Kharlampovich comes to Hunter from McGill University in Montreal where she has taught since 1990. She has made numerous contributions to significant research and publications and won the prestigious Gold Medal from the Soviet Academy of Sciences. She earned her PhD from the Leningrad State University and a Russian Doctor of Science degree from the Moscow Steklov Institute.

“Mary had a lifelong commitment to mathematics and improving the effectiveness of learning. She was proud to be part of the innovative and fluid learning environment at Hunter and was invigorated by her colleagues and students. The Dolciani Foundation trustees felt that her zest for moving mathematics forward would continue to be realized, in perpetuity, through establishing a named professorship in the Hunter College Department of Mathematics,” said Denise Halloran, CEO of The Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation.

The Mary P. Dolciani Mathematics Learning Center – the first of its kind at CUNY and one of the first in the nation – was created in 1971 after Hunter Math Professor Mary P. Dolciani secured a grant to help undergraduates learn calculus and finite math. It continues today as a teaching center for students at all levels, offering tutoring, multi-media materials, problem-solving sessions and study-skills support.

Jonas Center Boosts New PhD Program at Hunter-Bellevue

A \$200,000 gift from the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, established by Barbara and Donald Jonas, will help Hunter address one of the most significant problems in the field of nursing by providing scholarships to students who are pursuing doctorates in nursing practice.

President Jennifer Raab expressed “deep appreciation” to the Jonas Center for its “generous contribution” and its continuing support for the School of Nursing. Their gift has made it possible to fund The Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholars in Hunter-Bellevue’s Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) Program.

The DNP focuses on the clinical aspects of nursing and its first students were accepted this fall.

“We are proud to support the new DNP program at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing. It will increase the number of doctoral nurses and prepare the future workforce to lead in ways that grow and advance the field. These nurses will sit at the health policy table, spearhead influential research and change nursing practice in ways to improve care and save even more lives,” said Donald Jonas.



Barbara and Donald Jonas

Hunter's Autism Center Gets Another Boost from NYCA

The Hunter College Center for Autism has received a major gift of \$140,000 from The New York Center for Autism (NYCA) to support its interdisciplinary approach to studying autism. This is the fourth NYCA gift to Hunter since 2007, bringing NYCA’s support to nearly \$800,000. The grant will help to create programming and courses that address issues related to adults with autism, a critical area of concern for parents of autistic teenage children.

Under the direction of Professors John Brown and Michael Siller, the Hunter Autism Center trains New York City teachers in Applied Behavior

Analysis, conducts research on early interventions for children on the autism spectrum, and hosts events that address autism and public policy.

The NYCA gift makes it possible for the Center to develop ways to integrate Hunter’s vast resources in urban planning, nursing, and public health with its work in autism and more comprehensively address the issues of a growing population. In addition to supporting the new research program on adult autism, the gift also provides continued support for Dr. Brown’s research in the area of communication deficits experienced by individuals with autism.

Liebman Fund Gives Big Break to Part-Time Students

In 2010, Hunter received a \$1 million gift from the family of Beatrice and Raymond Liebman designated to create scholarships for part-time students who also work to fund their educations. The scholarships allow these students to cut back their work hours and increase their course load, bringing once-far-off graduation dates much closer.

Both Beatrice ('39) and Raymond, who attended City College, knew what it was to struggle through college, and it was the hardships they endured that inspired their children to create the Liebman Completion Fund in their memory. The scholarships are changing students' lives.



Herberto Yanis, Jr.

One such student is Herberto Yanis Jr., a senior majoring in psychology and minoring in sociology. He's held a full-time job as a file clerk at a leading law firm while studying at Hunter, and in 2008 he earned

a special grant for gifted minority students from the National Institute of Mental Health. Still, graduation might have been a long way off—until the Liebman Fund came through.

Without the scholarship, Yanis said, "I would not have been able to take the credits required to complete my degree without incurring additional loans." Now he is within sight of graduation this year, with plans to earn a master's and PhD in social research.

Maria Curreri began studying at Hunter in 1993 as a part-time student, enrolling in one course a semester when she could and taking leaves when

the financial demands became too great. Now she expects to graduate with a degree in Italian language and culture in June 2012, thanks in large measure to her Liebman scholarship.



Maria Curreri

"It's been a long journey. For the past several years, I've been teaching Italian to students of all ages. With the money from the Liebman Fund I was able to take time off from tutoring and spend five months in Italy last year through the CUNY Italian Exchange Program," said Curreri.

Amy Guan, a senior at the School of Nursing, began as a full-time student in 2006, but had to pull back to part-time status for financial reasons. This past fall, she became eligible for the Liebman scholarship and "it has made a huge difference. I would have had to drop out, save up and then return to school. I didn't have the money to finish and pay my living expenses. But with the support from the Liebman Fund, I will graduate this June. I've always wanted to be a nurse."



Amy Guan

While attending college, Guan has always worked part-time. She plans to pursue a career in obstetrics; she loves the environment and social interactions of working with mothers and newborns.

A New Student Lounge, Thanks to Trustee Miller



Hunter students Javier Feldes and Chery Falcon join Hunter College Foundation Trustee Sid Miller ('57) in front of the plaque at the Sidney A. Miller Student Lounge on the 7th floor of the West Building, named in honor of his gift to Hunter. Miller said, "As a Hunter student, I was always grateful for the quiet areas on campus that gave me a place to reflect and study. With the intensity of today's world, I feel it's more important than ever to create a peaceful setting for our students to slow down and take a break."

Donors Help Strengthen Programs In Public Policy at Roosevelt House

After undergoing a magnificent \$25 million restoration, Roosevelt House, the former home of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, has reopened as the Public Policy Institute at Hunter College with new undergraduate programs in public policy and human rights. Thanks to some generous gifts from alumni and supporters of Hunter, leading experts in their fields are directing two of the new undergraduate programs, a distinguished lecturer series is underway and world leaders like UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the Dalai Lama are speaking with students at Roosevelt House.

Joanne Mariner Named Rita Hauser Director of Human Rights Program



Joanne Mariner

Joanne Mariner joins Hunter as a distinguished lecturer and an expert on counterterrorism laws and policies. She will help to develop the human rights curriculum, and teach and mentor students who are interested in pursuing careers in human rights.

Mariner worked at Human Rights Watch as head of its Terrorism and Counterterrorism Program and conducted research on indefinite retention, criminal prosecution of suspected terrorists and government efforts to stem the flow of money to militant groups. An advisor to the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism at The Hague, Mariner has testified before the European Parliament about CIA activities in Europe, published widely on human rights issues and drafted Human Rights Watch's 1999 submission to the House of Lords in the Pinochet case. Her media appearances include ABC News, NPR, BBC World and C-SPAN.

Mariner graduated *summa cum laude* from Barnard College and received a law degree from Yale. She has taught at American University, Georgetown Law Center and Yale Law School.



Rita Hauser

The Rita Hauser Director of Human Rights Program was established by Hunter alumna Rita Hauser, a celebrated international lawyer. She is best known for her lifelong commitment to public service and philanthropic work.

Michelle Bachelet, Former President of Chile, Delivers First Phyllis L. Kossoff Lecture at Roosevelt House

In the first lecture at Roosevelt House sponsored by Hunter alumna Phyllis L. Kossoff, Michelle Bachelet, United Nations Under-Secretary General and Director of UN Women, delivered her first public address since the UN Women's formal launch in February. Entitled "Women, War and Peace," her speech laid out a global agenda for enhancing women's security and their capacity to prevent, resolve and recover from conflict.

She was introduced by Hunter political science professor Robert Jenkins, the lead author of the UN's 2010 report on women's participation in peace building, which called for the creation of the new under-secretary general position that Bachelet now holds. In 2006, Bachelet was elected the first woman president in the history of Chile, a position she held for four years.



Michelle Bachelet (l) and Phyllis Kossoff

Phyllis L. Kossoff Lecture Series speakers have included Tom Brokaw, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Menschel Family Foundation Supports the Public Policy Institute

With a generous \$250,000 gift from Ronay and Richard Menschel through their family foundation, the Charina Endowment Fund, Hunter has significantly expanded its public programming at Roosevelt House. The Menschel's support has made it possible to attract such prominent figures as President Bill Clinton and former UN Secretary General and Nobel Laureate Kofi Annan. The Charina Fund also provides assistance to undergraduate programs in public policy and human rights as well as faculty development and research. The Fund supported two major academic conferences in 2010: "Beyond the New Deal: Public Policy in the 21st Century" and "National Health Reform and Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health and Health Care."

School of Social Work Receives \$100,000 Gift



Joan Glade dePontet

Hunter Hall of Famer Joan Glade dePontet (MSW '77), the former executive director of the Jewish Social Service Agency of Metropolitan Washington, spent an

illustrious career putting her family's value of helping others to good use. She recently approached the School of Social Work with a gift of \$100,000 which will be used to enhance Hunter's organization management and leadership program.

While Hunter currently offers a sequence of courses at the master's level, this funding now makes it possible to obtain a post-graduate certificate in organization management and leadership.

Discussions are underway to create a PhD program as well.

"There is nothing more rewarding than having an accomplished alumna return to the school with the enthusiasm, experience, talent and support that Joan has given us," said Hunter College School of Social Work Dean Jacqueline Mondros. "We look forward to working with her to realize these programs which will broaden our offerings to some of New York City's most gifted social work students."

Mother's Day Scholarship Fund Honors Hunter Women



On Mother's Day, May 8, 2011, Hunter College ran a full-page ad in *The New York Times* for the sixth consecutive year, listing the major contributors to the Mother's Day Scholarship Fund and the Hunter women they were honoring. Since its launch, the Fund has raised more than \$3 million and awarded more than 1,000 scholarships.

Pictured here is Samantha Salaman (right) a senior psychology major, who plans to attend Hunter's School of Nursing and pursue a career in neo-natal care. Salaman's scholarship was given in honor of Edith Karliner ('39) (seated) by Edward and Phyllis Lashins, Karliner's daughter and son-in-law. They are joined by Hunter President Jennifer J. Raab.

Charitable Gift Annuities Program Gains Popularity for Planned Giving

Hunter is pleased to offer its alumni and friends the opportunity to participate in a charitable gift annuities program as an option for estate planning. One of the most popular ways to make a planned gift is through Charitable Gift Annuities which allow the donor, who transfers cash or securities to The Hunter College Foundation, a tax deduction and a lifetime stream of income. A recent contributor to Hunter's program is Corrine Barsky, a friend of the College and long-time admirer of Eleanor Roosevelt. The Corrine and Arnold Barsky Family Mezzanine at Roosevelt House will be named in honor of Barsky's \$100,000 gift.

For more than 141 years, generous alumni and friends have invested in Hunter's future with a variety of tax-deductible outright gifts and gifts of stock and securities, life insurance, retirement assets, such as IRA's and 401(k) plans, pension plans, real estate, bequests and other planned gifts.

Join us in continuing the Hunter legacy. For more information please contact us by phone, online or by mail at:

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Corrine Barsky



Party of the Century: Alumna Bel Kaufman at 100

Friends and admirers gathered on May 10th at Roosevelt House to celebrate the 100th birthday of Class of 1934 graduate Bel Kaufman. Kaufman, author of the 1965 *New York Times* bestselling novel *Up the Down Staircase*, is the granddaughter of famed Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem. She shared with guests her memories of being a student at Hunter, memories clearly belonging to a writer. She recalled a red brick house with a crooked tree out front; inside, the recitation of soliloquies.

“We were very poor,” she remarked, “but we didn’t know how rich we were.”

“What a classic Hunter story,” President

Raab said in her toast, “from young immigrant with no English to super student who goes on to a brilliant career.” Hunter will name a wall in her honor in the soon-to-be renovated campus library. “We are conducting a fundraising drive,” President Raab announced, “so that the space can chronicle Bel’s life and achievement for future generations.”

“Now that I’m a hundred years old,” Kaufman added, “I feel very liberated.”

To donate to the Hunter College Library campaign in honor of Bel Kaufman, please call 212. 396. 6531.

