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Serving as officers of The General Faculty and  
The Faculty Delegate Assembly of Hunter  
College this year are:

**Tony Doyle** (Library), President (through  
2011)

**Jason Young** (Psychology), Vice President  
(through 2011)

**Bernadette McCauley** (History), Secretary  
(through 2011)

**Steven Baumann** (School of Nursing),  
Evening Session Representative (through  
2011)

**Reina Taveras** (SEEK), Part-Time Faculty  
Representative (through 2011)

Administrative Assistants:

**James Regan** and **Ilham Kapadia**

*Open Seats on the Executive Committee*

There are currently two openings on the  
Faculty Delegate Assembly Executive  
Committee, Day Session Representative and  
Treasurer. These positions are open to any full  
time faculty member. Terms last two years.  
The chief duties of members of the Executive  
Committee are (1) attending the FDA general

monthly meetings, (2) attending the monthly  
FDA Executive Committee meetings, (3)  
meeting with the president, and (4) helping to  
organize FDA events. If you are interested in  
nominating yourself or a colleague for one of  
the openings, get in touch with Tony Doyle at  
[tdoyle@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:tdoyle@hunter.cuny.edu). Nominations are due  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010. Ballots will  
be mailed to the faculty on Friday, October 1.

*FDA Meetings, Fall 2010*

The FDA general meetings are open to all  
faculty. They are held on the third Wednesday  
of the month, from 1:10 to 3 PM, in room 1203  
Hunter East. We provide cookies, coffee, and  
tea. Below are the dates on which the FDA will  
be meeting this semester:

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

At the September meeting Provost  
Rabinowitz is scheduled to give an academic  
update. We have also planned a forum on  
tenure with Professor Greg Johnson (former  
chair, Anthropology), Professor Frank  
Kirkland (former chair, Philosophy), and  
Acting Dean Christine Gebbie (Nursing).

In October President Raab is scheduled to  
give a college update. Also on the agenda is a  
forum on publishing with Professor Diana  
Mason, among others. Professor Mason is  
former editor-in-chief of *The American  
Journal of Nursing*. Additionally, Steve  
Serafin and Dennis Paoli of the  
Reading/Writing Center will be talking about  
the services that the Center offers.

*New Faculty Orientation*

This fall's New Faculty Orientation,  
sponsored by the FDA and the Provost's  
Office, was held in the dining room on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
floor of Hunter West on August 19. Provost  
Rabinowitz provided the opening remarks. The  
group was then addressed by President Raab,  
governance leaders, the heads of important  
divisions across campus, and several faculty  
members.

The FDA is greatly indebted to the Provost's Office for organizing this important event.

### Faculty Socials

FDA sponsored faculty socials are a relaxed way to meet or catch up with colleagues. Your contributions to the FDA fund these events. The next social is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, October 27. Look for the announcement on Hunter-1, FDA-1, and the FDA website (<http://hunter.cuny.edu/fda>).

### The FDA General Meeting in April

A featured speaker at the April general FDA meeting was Professor Steven Cahn of the Philosophy Program at the CUNY Graduate Center. One of Professor Cahn's fields of scholarly interest is academic ethics. His work in that area was featured in a piece in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 25, 2009. He is the author of *Saints and Scamps: Ethics in Academia* (Rowman and Littlefield) and is the editor of Rowman and Littlefield's 15-book series on academic ethics.

Professor Cahn criticized the widespread practice in the academy of giving preference in hiring, tenure, and promotion to outstanding researchers as opposed to strong teachers. He pointed out that high profile researchers are often hired at research institutions with little regard to their teaching skills. Also, at these schools the content of courses too often reflects professors' research interests rather than student needs. He urged reform, calling for much closer monitoring of college teaching and recommending something akin to peer review for it. He remarked that surgeons are regularly observed and evaluated by their peers. Why not professors? Regarding undergraduate curricula, courses should reflect student needs, not faculty interests.

Professor Cahn also deplored the increasing dependence on adjuncts, especially at research institutions. He claimed that part of the problem is the trend towards offering generous salaries and minimal teaching loads to academic stars. This means less money for

standard tenure track lines and of course more adjuncts.

Professor Cahn's deadpan demeanor belied the humor that ran through his presentation. For instance, he wittily suggested that, if a philosophy department really wanted to raise its profile, it could do so far more cheaply than is currently the case. He proposed placing Aristotle's name on the masthead of the Philosophy Program at the Graduate Center. The Greek philosopher's star power is vastly greater than any living philosopher's, and he wouldn't teach any less than many contemporary luminaries. If the strategy paid off, he quipped, the department might go ahead and tack on the names of Kant and Nietzsche.

An engaging question and answer session followed, with an enthusiastic group buttonholing Professor Cahn long after the meeting was adjourned.

### Contacting Us

We seek input from all faculty. The best way to get in touch is e-mail at [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu). Sending concerns, complaints, kudos, or offering assistance will be greatly appreciated and be promptly addressed.

### 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 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010:

Christopher Gilbert – Anthropology  
Yukiko Koga – Anthropology  
Herman Pontzer – Anthropology  
Hendrik Dey – Art  
Janette Gomos-Klein – Biological Sciences  
Karen Koellner – Curriculum and Teaching  
Brian Collins – Curriculum and Teaching  
Laura Baecher – Curriculum and Teaching  
Christine Rosalia – Curriculum and Teaching  
Fang Sun – Economics  
Kelvin Black – English  
Sonali Perera – English

Eduardo Contreras – History  
Daniel Margoscsy – History  
Scott Gentile – Mathematics & Statistics  
Ronald Neath – Mathematics & Statistics  
Reuben Blundell – Music  
Mark Canning – Nursing  
Kenya Beard – Nursing  
Joan Arnold – Nursing  
Anita Nirenberg – Nursing  
Zachary Shirkey – Political Science  
Mary Cavanaugh – Social Work  
Caroline Rosenthal Gelman – Social Work  
Marina Lalayants – Social Work  
Dongshin Chang – Theatre  
Mia Rovengno – Theatre  
Mary Schooling – Urban Public Health  
Heidi Jones – Urban Public Health  
May May Leung – Urban Public Health  
David Himmelstein – Urban Public Health  
Steffie Woolhandler – Urban Public Health  
Denis Nash – Urban Public Health  
Lorna Thorpe – Urban Public Health  
Thomas Matte – Urban Public Health

### **Best wishes from the FDA!**

### **Welcome to Hunter's Newest Dean!**

The FDA would also like to welcome Hunter's new Chief Librarian, Dan Cherubin. We wish him success.

### **Department Chairs**

We would like to recognize the contributions made by the current department chairs to the Hunter community. They are

Africana Puerto Rican / Latino Studies – Ehiedu Iweriebor  
Anthropology – Marc Edelman  
Art – Tom Weaver  
Biological Sciences – Shirley Raps  
Chemistry – Gary Quigley  
Classical & Oriental Studies – Tamara Green  
Computer Science – Virginia Teller  
Curriculum & Teaching – Anne Ediger  
Economics – Marjorie Honig  
English – Cristina Alfar  
Film & Media Studies – Mick Hurbis-Cherrier (Acting)

Geography – Charles Heatwole  
German – Elke Nicolai (acting)  
History – Richard Belsky  
Library – Dan Cherubin  
Mathematics & Statistics – Ada Peluso  
Music – Ruth DeFord  
Philosophy – Laura Keating  
Physics & Astronomy – Ying-Chih Chen  
Political Science – Charles Tien  
Psychology – Jeffrey Parsons  
Romance Languages – Giuseppe Di Scipio  
SEEK – Patricia Martin (Acting)  
Sociology – Robert Perinbanayagan  
Theatre – Barbara Bosch  
Urban Affairs – Joseph P. Viteritti

### **Senate Administrative Committee**

Professor Sandi Clarkson (Math & Statistics),  
Chair  
Runako Taylor (Classics-Graduate), Vice  
Chair  
Professor Phil Alcabes (Urban Public Health),  
Secretary  
Professor Christa Acampora (Philosophy),  
Chair of Evening Council  
Professor William Sweeney (Chemistry),  
Parliamentarian  
Professor Jill Gross (Urban Affairs and  
Planning), Parliamentarian

**Information about recent promotions, recent retirements, sabbaticals for 2010-11, and scholar incentive awards will appear in the next issue of the Faculty Voice.**

### **Presidential Awards to Excellence, 2010**

Congratulations to the following colleagues!

#### **Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship**

**Marie Filbin**, Biological Sciences

#### **Presidential Award for Excellence in Applied Scholarship/Creative Work**

**Philip Alcabes**, Urban Public Health

#### **Presidential Award for Excellence in Service**

**Roberta Graziano**, School of Social Work  
**Frank Kirkland**, Philosophy

Presidential Award for Excellence in Full-time Teaching

**Gess LeBlanc**, Educational Foundations and Counseling Programs

The Cecile Insdorf Award for Excellence in Part-time Teaching

**Kathryn Szczepanska**, Classics and Oriental Studies

**The Solarium**

The Faculty Conference Room located at 1413 Hunter East now has wireless access to the internet and is available for use, first come, first served. Please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Ilham Kapadia at [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu) or 212-772-4181, or in HE 1414 for information about reserving the room.

**The Faculty/Staff Lounge**

The FDA faculty lounge is open to all faculty and staff. The lounge provides a comfortable, quiet space to read or meet with colleagues. Also, check out the latest issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* while you're there. The lounge is located in the northeast corner of the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Hunter West, next to the Faculty Dining Room. Free coffee and cookies!

**The Fall 2010 lounge hours are:**

Monday	1-6 PM
Tuesday	1-6 PM
Wednesday	1-6 PM
Thursday	1-6 PM
Friday	1-6 PM

Outside of these times the lounge is available to faculty and staff who would like to schedule small events. If you are interested, please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Ilham Kapadia at [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu), 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414 for information about reserving the room.

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