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# **Our Newest Colleagues**

The Executive Committee extends its warm welcome to our newest colleagues. The following have been appointed full-time to the faculty, effective August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Art, Susana Cole Art, Diana Cooper Art, Howard Singerman Chemistry, Manashi Chatterjee Curriculum & Teaching, Amy Lachuk Economics, Kevin Sachs Ed. Foundations, Veronica Muller Geography, Carsten Kessler History, Elidor Mehilli Library, Stephanie Margolin Music, Melissa Gonzalez Political Science, Micahel Lee Political Science, Jillian Schwedler Political Science, Sanford Schram Psychology, Dawn Dugan Psychology, Tracey Revenson Psychology, Kimberly Robinson Psychology, Glenn Schafe R/H Public Health, Richard Jackson R/H Public Pol. Inst.. Lawrence Moss R/H Public Pol. Inst., Shyama Venkateswar School of Nursing, Norma Hannigan

School of Public Health, Elizabeth Geltman School of Public Health, Levi Waldron School of Public Health, Kartarzyna Wyka Special Education, Wendy Cavendish Special Education, Kristen Pavelec Special Education, Nilofer Naqvi School of Social Work, Diane DePanfilis School of Social Work, James Mandiberg Theatre, Kevin Byrne Urban Affairs, Vivian Louie

# **Promotions to Full Professor**

Congratulations to the following colleagues for reaching this milestone!

## **School of Arts and Sciences:**

## **Humanities** and Arts

Art Brian Wood
Music Richard Burke
Mark Spicer

#### Social Sciences

Anthropology
History
Psychology
Michael Steiper
Manu Bhagavan
Christopher Braun
Tracy A. Dennis

### **School of Education:**

Special Ed. David Connor

### **School of Public Health:**

Public Health Mary C. Schooling

### **School of Nursing:**

Nursing Vidette Todaro-Franceschi

# Promotion to Senior College Laboratory Technician

### **School of the Health Professions:**

Medical Laboratory Sciences Hongxing Li

# **Administration**

Professor Andrew Polsky has been appointed Acting Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Professor Polsky has been a member of Hunter's Political Science Department since 1984. He is the author of *Elusive Victories: The American Presidency at War* (Oxford, 2012), among many others.

# **Recent Activities**

# Joint FDA/Senate Reception

The FDA and Hunter Senate sponsored a well-attended faculty reception after the Senate meeting on Wednesday, September 11. We would like to thank Professor Christa Acampora, Senate Chair, for cosponsoring this enjoyable event.

# Joint September Meeting with the Hunter PSC/CUNY

For the first time since November 2011 the FDA teamed up with the Hunter chapter of PSC-CUNY for a meeting. The featured speaker was Michael Fabricant, PSC-CUNY Treasurer and Professor at the Hunter School of Social Work. Professor Fabricant offered an update on contract negotiations. which at present are focused on noneconomic issues such as distance learning and job security for part-time faculty. Next, he reported that the CUNY faculty vote of no confidence on Pathways was likely to be dismissed by Benno Schmidt, chair of the Board of Trustees. Faculty objections to Pathways concern loss of governance and dilution of the curriculum. Also, the PSC is concerned about the administration's attempts to remove departmental chairs from the union. In addition, the union supported Bill de Blasio's successful campaign for the Democratic mayoral nomination. Professor Fabricant expressed enthusiasm for the candidate's proposed \$175 million investment in CUNY. Finally, Professor Fabricant reminded the group that the union

is only as strong as its members' commitment. Accordingly, he urged those present to attend the PSC-CUNY action at the CUNY Board of Trustees meeting on September 30, 3:30 PM, at Baruch's vertical campus.

The meeting ended with the near unanimous passage of a resolution in support of students who were arrested earlier this month for protesting outside of the Macauley Honors College on West 67<sup>th</sup> Street

Thanks to Professor Tami Gold, Film and Media and Hunter Chapter Chair of PSC-CUNY, and Mr. David Pavlosky, also of Film and Media, for helping to make this event a success!

# **Upcoming FDA events**

### Faculty Social: October 23rd

The FDA will be hosting a faculty social on **October 23 from 5 to 7** in the Faculty/Staff Lounge, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Hunter West. As always, the social is a nice opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. All faculty are welcome. Wine and snacks will be served.

### FDA Meeting: November 20th

The next FDA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, from 1:15 until 3:00, in 1203 HE. Scheduled speakers are President Raab and Provost Rabinowitz. All faculty are welcome. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

# Welcome to the Newest FDA Executive Committee Members

The FDA would like to welcome Professor Siochain Hughes (Art) and Professor John Toth (Curriculum and Teaching) to the FDA's Executive Committee. Both were elected to two-year terms in the spring.

We would also like to welcome our newest assistant, Erin O'Hagan.

### **Executive Committee Vacancies**

The FDA is seeking to fill two open seats on its Executive Committee. We are accepting nominations for these openings, including self-nominations, until **October 4th**. The FDA is Hunter's sole faculty-only governance body. Our chief missions are to inform faculty about campus and CUNY issues at regular meetings, and to advocate for the faculty with the administration.

Duties: The Executive Committee meets for an hour once a month to plan FDA events and to set FDA priorities. It also meets occasionally with top Hunter administrators. Serving on the Executive Committee is a great opportunity to meet and work with colleagues outside of your department and to learn about an array of campus and CUNY matters.

Nominees must be full-time faculty members but need not be FDA delegates. Faculty from **Brookdale** and **Silberman** are especially encouraged to consider nominating themselves or accepting a nomination, since all the current members of the Committee are from 68th Street.

Please submit nominations to **fda@hunter.cuny.edu**.

### **FDA Annual Dues**

This is the time of year that we typically ask faculty for a modest contribution to the FDA. Your contributions buy the refreshments at our regular meetings and at our semesterly socials, as well as support our afternoon coffee, tea, and cookie service in the Faculty/Staff Lounge on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Hunter West. Thanks to you generosity

over the last two years we will not be asking for contributions this year. Keep your eyes peeled for our mailing in September 2014!

### Get in Touch

We seek input from all faculty. The best way to get in touch is e-mail at fda@hunter.cuny.edu. Please don't hesitate to send your concerns, complaints, or suggestions along. We will address them promptly.

# FDA Spaces

### 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. The check availability go to http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/fda/fda-resources/meeting-event-rooms/the-solarium. To make a reservation please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Erin O'Hagan at fda@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414.

# 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. The lounge is located in the northeast corner of the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Hunter West, next to the Faculty Dining Room. The lounge is open to all faculty and staff between 1PM and 6PM, Monday through Friday. It is available for reservation outside of those times. To see if the space is free go to http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/fda/fdaresources/meeting-event-rooms/the-facultylounge. If you are interested in reserving a time, please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Erin O'Hagan at fda@hunter.cunv.edu, 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414.

As a result of elections last spring, members of the FDA Executive Committee are:

Bernadette McCauley (History), President (through 2015; on leave 2013-14)

Tony Doyle (Library), Vice President (through 2015); Acting President (2013-14)

John Toth (Curriculum and Teaching),

Treasurer (through 2015)

Debbie Sonu (Curriculum and Teaching),

Secretary (through 2015)

Siochain Hughes (Art). Part Time

Representative (through 2015)

Daytime Representative: Vacant

Evening Representative: Vacant

Administrative Assistants:

James Regan and Erin O'Hagan