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Presidential Faculty Awards

Our congratulations go to our colleagues who are the recipients of the 1999 Hunter College Presidential Awards for Excellence. Awardees received their recognition at the Annual Honors Convocation on April 21st.

For Excellence in Teaching:
• Roger Persell, Associate Professor, Biology
• Jane Weiss, Adjunct Assistant Professor, English

For Excellence in Scholarship:
• David Foster, Professor, Biology

For Excellence in Science:
• Florence Edelman, Associate Professor, Health Sciences

Congratulations one and all!

College Calendar for Fall

Senior Registrar Yechiel (Jerry) Rosenrauch has announced that the Hunter College academic calendar for the forthcoming Fall 1999 Semester has been set, and the highlights are noted below so that faculty can begin to make plans for the term ahead:

Aug. 27  First Day of Classes, Fall '99
         For classes ending after 4:00 pm

Sept. 4-5  NO CLASSES
Sept. 6  Labor Day, College Closed
Sept. 10  All Classes must end before 4:00 pm
Sept. 11, 12  NO CLASSES
Sept. 20  NO CLASSES
Sept. 21  Classes follow Monday Schedule

Oct. 11 Columbus Day, College Closed
Oct. 13 Classes follow Monday Schedule

Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Recess, College Closed

Dec. 11 Last Day of Classes, Fall Semester
Dec. 13 Reading Day
Dec. 14-23 Final Examinations
Dec. 24 Winter Recess begins

Jan. 1-3 New Year's, College Closed
Jan. 17 M.L. King, Jr.Day, College Closed
Jan 26 Winter Commencement
(Tentative)
Jan. 29 First Day of Classes, Spring '00

An Outdoor Commencement!

Faculty should mark their calendars for the exciting graduation ceremonies scheduled for Wednesday, June 2nd at 3:00pm and Thursday, June 3rd at 11:00 am in Central Park. The commencement ceremony on June 2nd is for graduate students; on June 3rd for undergraduates.

On Wednesday, June 2nd the commencement speaker will be the Hon. C. Virginia Fields, President of the Borough of Manhattan. An activist, professional social worker and champion for justice, Ms. Fields braved the fire hoses of Birmingham to march side by side with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was the chair of Community Planning Board #10, and in 1989 became the first African-American woman elected from Manhattan to the New York City Council.
At the graduate commencement, the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters will be awarded to Dr. Richard A. Cloward, Professor of Social Work at Columbia University and the founder of Human SERVE, the national voter registration reform organization that won passage of the federal Voter Registration Act of 1993. A professional social worker and sociologist, Dr. Cloward has received seven national awards for his 8 books and for his distinguished contributions to the study and solution of social problems. In addition, a Hunter College President’s Medal will be awarded to Dr. Evelynn C. Gioiella, Interim Dean of the Hunter College Schools of Health Professions, who has served Hunter as a Dean since 1983, and the City University of New York for 26 years.

On Thursday, June 3rd the commencement speaker will be the Hon. Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator from New York. Previously a nine-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Brooklyn and Queens, Senator Schumer is known for his Congressional leadership on gun control and his authorship of the Assault Weapons Ban Law and the Brady Bill.

At the undergraduate commencement, the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters will be awarded to Brian P. Lamb, Chairman and CEO of the Public Affairs Cable Network (C-SPAN). For the past 20 years the not-for-profit C-SPAN has offered gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. Congress on two 24-hour video channels (and two audio networks) as well as unique public affairs programming on important public policy issues. In addition, a Hunter College President’s Medal will be awarded to Helene D. Goldfarb, President of the Hunter College Alumni Association, who is completing her second term as leader of the 85,000 alumni of Hunter College.

An annual Outstanding High School Counselor Award also will be given at the ceremony to Alan Resnick, who has been at John Dewey High School in Brooklyn for the past 17 years as a guidance counselor and college advisor.

Put on your cap and gown. This is a graduation you won’t want to miss!

Hunter is Doing Well

Enrollment data received from the Office of the CUNY Vice-Chancellor for Budget, Finance and Information Services shows that only two of the CUNY senior colleges show an increase in students from Spring 1998 to Spring 1999: Hunter and Baruch. The decrease in enrollment was particularly acute at John Jay, Lehman and York.

A comparison of the preliminary count this semester to the actual count in Spring 1998 shows that Hunter has enrolled 327 more students this spring -- for a total of 19, 298 -- an increase of 1.7%. The next largest CUNY college is Queens, with 3,534 fewer students. Hunter’s strong showing is impressive and we feel it reflects the stature of our College in the system, and in the City.

1999-2000 FDA and General Faculty Meetings

Delegates please note that we shall continue to hold our Faculty Delegate Assembly and General Faculty meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:15 - 3:00 pm., according to the following schedule; and unless otherwise notified, meetings will be held in Room 709 West:

Fall Semester
Wednesday, September 15 -- General Faculty
Wednesday, October 20 -- FDA
Wednesday, November 17 -- FDA
Wednesday, December 15 -- General Faculty

Spring Semester
Wednesday, February 16 -- General Faculty
Wednesday, March 15 -- FDA
Wednesday, April 12 -- General Faculty*
Wednesday, May 17 -- FDA

* Second Wednesday of April
Docendo Discimus

The faculty and staff of the Hunter College Libraries want to announce the student winners (and sponsoring faculty) of the Annual Competition for Best Student Research Papers:

100 Level Category

- First Prize: Jennifer Hopper, “Why Telemarketing is a Real Job: The Ongoing War Between the Right to Privacy and Telemarketing” for Prof. Ann Raimes (English 120).

- Second Prizes: Schlomit Aroubas, “An Enemy Within” for Prof. Margaret Stanek-Fiore (English 120); and, Terry Chan, “Internet: The Good, Bad and Ugly” for Prof. Ann Raimes (English 120).

Undergraduate Category

- First Prize: Gillian Chi, “Chinese-American Food Symbolism” for Prof. Bernadette McCauley (Honors 201).


Graduate Category

- First Prize: Yaelle Ehrenpreis, “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: The Dual Personality of the BRCA1 Gene” for Prof. Jill Bargonetti-Chavarria (Biology 790).

- Second Prize: Wendy Small, “A Deductive Approach to Grammar Instruction” for Prof. Angela Parrino (Linguistics 773).

Many thanks to the faculty judges:

Professors Ellis Barowsky (Special Education), Henry Evans (Educational Foundations), Roger Karapin (Political Science), Bettina Knapp (Romance Languages), Peter Kwong (Asian-American Studies). Jane Matthews (Mathematics), Khursheed Navder (Health Sciences), Steven Serafin (Reading-Writing Center) and Trudith Smoke (English).

Go On-Line

Faculty can apply for a Zabar Intern and learn how to create a web page for their courses. State how you would like to integrate internet/www and related technologies into your course curriculum in a one-page proposal and send it to Michael Nisbett at OICT by June 1st. For further information visit http://cfml.hunter.cuny.edu/training/ or call 650-3062.

Dean of Research Search

The Hunter College Search Committee for Dean of Research has put forward the names of six candidates for the position. They each are visiting the College in May to meet with faculty, students, administrators and staff. After feedback is received from the Search Committee and all constituencies including the leadership of the Senate and the FDA, President Caputo may choose to invite finalists back to the campus in preparation for making his decision on a candidate whom he wishes to forward to the Chancellor and CUNY Board of Trustees for appointment. Listed alphabetically, the candidates are:

Peter Alfonso, who received a Ph.D. in Speech Science and Experimental Phonetics from Purdue University, is currently Professor of Linguistics and Head of the Department of Speech and Hearing Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Herbert Budd, who holds a doctorate in Physical Science from L’Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, is presently the President of the Atlantic Business Corporation in New York.

Neil Gerr, who received a Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is currently Director of Surveillance in the Communications and Electronic Combat Division of the U.S. Office of Naval Research of the Department of Defense in Washington.
Victor Goldsmith, who holds a Ph.D. in Coastal Processes from the University of Massachusetts, is presently Professor of Geology and Geography at Hunter College and in the Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences of the GSUC of the City University of New York, and is the Acting Dean of Research of Hunter College.

Fred McMorris, who received a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, is currently Assistant Vice-President for Research at the University of Louisville where he also is Professor of Mathematics.

Joanne Miller, who holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, is presently Professor of Sociology at Queens College and the GSUC of the City University of New York where she specializes in applied social research and demography.

The Search Committee is being chaired by Associate Provost Stephen Zoloth and includes Professors Timothy Bromage (Anthropology) Marie Filbin (Biology) Rena Subotnik (Educational Foundations) and Maria Tomaszc (Chemistry); and, Robert Buckley (Research Administration) and three students: Carlo Casulo, Marsha Clarke and Lauren Schmidt.

President and Adjuncts Meet

Under the leadership of Dr. Cecile Insdorf, the representative of part-time faculty on the Executive Committee of the FDA, President David Caputo met with members of the adjunct faculty on March 17th. Many issues of concern to the more than 500 members of our part-time faculty were discussed. Adjuncts who wish to learn more about the meeting, or bring matters of concern to Professor Insdorf's attention, should feel free to contact her at the Department of Romance Languages (x5092 or x5108). President Caputo indicated that he would like to schedule similar meetings each year.

Faculty-Staff Lounge

The Faculty-Staff Lounge (8-West) will be open Monday through Thursday for relaxation and refreshments 2-5 p.m. through May 18th, and then will close until fall.

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