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## WELCOME BACK

As the Academic Year 1996-1997 begins, the Executive Committee of the Hunter College Faculty Delegate Assembly wishes to welcome our new and returning colleagues in anticipation of a productive year.

Three members of the Executive Committee were elected or re-elected by you in May to two-year terms of office (1996-1998), respectively, as Secretary, Treasurer and Evening Session Representative. Serving therefore as officers of The General Faculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly of Hunter College this year are:

- ◆ Prof. Paul Kurzman (Social Work)  
President
- ◆ Prof. Christina Taharally (Curriculum & Teaching)  
Vice-President
- ◆ Prof. Ellen Steinberg (Health Sciences) Secretary
- ◆ Prof. Maria Rodriguez (SEEK) Treasurer
- ◆ Prof. Francesca Sautman (Romance Languages)  
Day Session Representative
- ◆ Prof. Patricia Woodard (Library) Evening Session  
Representative
- ◆ Prof. Cecile Insdorf (Romance Languages) Part-  
Time Faculty Representative

## College Calendar for Spring

Senior Registrar Yechiel (Jerry) Rosenrauch has announced that the Hunter College academic calendar for the forthcoming Spring 1997 Semester has been approved, and the highlights are noted below so that faculty can begin to make plans for the term ahead. [The Fall 1996 College Calendar appeared in our May 1996 issue.]

- January 6-28 = Spring term registration (tentative)
- January 20 = Martin Luther King day, College Closed
- January 28 = Winter Commencement
- January 29 = First day of classes

- February 12 = Lincoln's Birthday, College Closed
- February 17 = Washington's Birthday Observed,  
College Closed
- February 20 = Classes follow Monday's schedule
- March 26 = Honors Convocation
- March 28-29 = No Classes
  
- April 20-27 = Spring Recess
  
- May 17 = Last day of classes
- May 19-21 = Study days
- May 22-30 = Final week for Spring 1997
- May 26 = Memorial Day, College Closed
- June 4-5 = Spring Commencement

## Our Newest Colleagues

The Executive Committee of The General Faculty of Hunter College wishes to warmly welcome our new full-time faculty colleagues:

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| Anthony Branker   | Music                               |
| *C. Michael Drain | Chemistry                           |
| * Robert Ku       | English & Asian-American<br>Studies |
| Miok Lee          | Nursing                             |
| Dorothy Ross      | Health Sciences                     |
| Louise Sherby     | Library                             |

\*Began Spring Semester, 1996

We are delighted that you have joined the faculty of the finest college in the CUNY system.

## Congratulations

On behalf of the entire Hunter College community, the officers of the FDA are proud to congratulate our colleagues who have been awarded tenure effective September 1, 1996:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cynthia Degazon | Nursing           |
| Marc Edelman    | Anthropology      |
| Cynthia Roberts | Political Science |

Cullen Schaffer      Computer Science  
Trudith Smoke      English

Well done!

### External Reviews Planned

The Provost's Office has indicated that the following formal departmental and program external reviews will be conducted at Hunter during the Academic Years 1996-1997 and 1997-1998. In each case, a team of experts will come on campus to conduct an onsite review after examining the unit's written self-study:

- 1996-1997 = Biological Sciences, Black & Puerto Rican Studies, Campus Schools, Chemistry, Dance Program, Economics, Energy and Environmental Policy Studies, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Theatre & Film and Women's Studies.
- 1997-1998= Asian-American Studies, Hunter Honors Program, Philosophy and Physics & Astronomy

### Distinguished Colleagues

We are proud to note that two additional colleagues have been designated by the CUNY Board of Trustees as Distinguished Professors in their departments and at the College in recognition of outstanding achievement in their disciplines. Effective September 1996, Professors Virginia Held (Philosophy) and H. Phillip Zeigler (Psychology) join Professors Cox-Rearick (Art), Pomeroy (Classics) and Tomasz (Chemistry) who were appointed Distinguished Professors last year [see our February 1996 issue.]

In addition to their new title, each will receive (subject to financial ability) a well deserved compensation of \$20,000 per annum, in addition to their regular academic salaries. Bravo!

### Two New CUNY RFPs

Applications for PSC-CUNY Research Awards will be accepted once again this year on or before **October 15, 1996** (December 1, 1996 for faculty appointed after June 1st) to fund research and creative projects submitted by permanent, full-time members of the instructional staff (faculty and non-faculty PSC titles) at Hunter. The grant awards will start on July 1, 1997. Prospective applicants with questions about the application process should contact Carolyn Julien at Research Administration (772-4020).

Applications for CUNY's New Visions in Educational Innovation grants will be accepted on or before **November 4, 1996**. This is the third and final year of the New Visions initiative. One year grants ranging from \$6,500 to \$13,000 were awarded to eight out of 30 proposals submitted by CUNY faculty last year. The awards will be announced in December and be effective January 1, 1997. All academically sound ideas for innovative undergraduate interdisciplinary programs will be considered for selection. However, preference will be given to those proposed programs that address the new and challenging technological, social, cultural and economic realities encountered by students enrolled in the University today. Questions about the application process may be addressed to Sally Dawidoff (794-5664) or George Sussman (794-5396) at CUNY's Office of Academic Affairs.

### Fall FDA Meetings

Delegates and interested faculty should note that meetings of the FDA and General Faculty this semester are Wednesdays, 1:15 - 3:00 p.m. on September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **Administrative Appointments Announced**

The faculty of Hunter College is pleased to welcome a new Vice-President for Administration, Chief Librarian and Acting Dean of Social Sciences.

Serving as our new Vice-President for Administration is Evangelos J. Gizis who knows the City University since he has served as a senior administrator at Queens College since 1986. As Vice-President for College Affairs, Planning and Information Systems, and most recently, as Deputy to the President and Chief of Staff at Queens, Dr. Gizis has come to know the CUNY senior college culture well. In addition, from 1977 to 1986 he served as Professor, Dean, Vice-President and Acting President at CUNY's Borough of Manhattan Community College; and from 1970 to 1977 as Professor, Associate Dean, Dean and Acting President at City University's Hostos Community College. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Athens University and a MS and Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Food Science from Oregon State University.

Joining us at Hunter to serve as Professor and Chief Librarian is Louise S. Sherby who has been Assistant Director for Public Services at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries since 1988. In recent years there, Dr. Sherby has been actively engaged with implementation of a multi-campus library technology plan and with the integration of electronic resources and information services. She holds a BA in Sociology from Hofstra, an MA in Librarianship from the University of Denver and a Doctor of Library Science from Columbia University.

Serving as Acting Dean of Social Sciences this year will be Robert M. Seltzer, Professor of History and Chairperson of Hunter College's interdisciplinary specialization in Jewish Social Studies. A distinguished scholar and good colleague, Dr. Seltzer is an expert on Jewish history and an author or editor of several books including, most recently, The Americanization of the Jews.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to Vice-President Sylvia Fishman and to Professors Tom Jennings and Susan Lees for their strong leadership and dedicated service in these positions. We are in your debt for the superb work you have done. Vive valeque.

### **College Laboratory Technicians Meet**

In recognition of the pivotal role that Hunter's College Laboratory Technicians (CLTs) perform on behalf of their units and departments, the Executive Committee of the FDA held a first ever meeting to assist them in having a voice on the College campus. Meeting informally in May, CLT representatives planned an agenda for their first collective meeting with the President. Concerned about such issues as overtime, promotion, professional development, departmental privileges and access to computers, 15 College Laboratory Technicians met with President Caputo on June 20th for a frank and very constructive exchange.

Although not always visible to the faculty, the 35 CLTs at Hunter College play an important role in units as diverse as Audio Visual and Animal Facilities and in academic departments as different as Chemistry and Music. As non-classroom members of the instructional staff, they hold membership and office in the Faculty Delegate Assembly of the College and the Faculty Senate of the City University. Like faculty, CLTs achieve permanent status under CUNY By-Laws through the award of statutory tenure.

President Caputo volunteered to look into the issues posed and invited the College Laboratory Technicians to feel free to meet with him regularly with respect to their issues and concerns. In response, those present decided to establish a "CLT Council" and designated Bart Constantine (Psychology) and Ellen Steinberg (Health Sciences) as the Acting Co-Chairs.

**Au Revoir**

We note that the following full-time faculty and CLTs of Hunter College retired in 1996. Except as noted, our colleagues, listed below, retired as part of the CUNY Incentive Program, effective June 1996:

Edward Balboni	Biology
Robert Bowns	SEEK
Richard Brett	English
Harry Clawar	Edu. Foundations
Saul Cohen	Geology & Geography
Roy Connell	Math & Statistics
Elizabeth Dane	Social Work
Rose Dobrof	Social Work
Carol Ember	Anthropology
Louise Fox	Edu. Foundations
*Maureen Herman	Curric. & Teaching
Joyce Hope	Nursing
**Joseph Krakow	Biology
Robert McCullough	SEEK
Marie Myers	Biology
Benjamin Ringer	Sociology
Joaquin Rodriguez	Geology & Geography
Cynthia Sculco	Nursing
Heinz Wesch	Biology
Thomas Wesselkamper	Computer Science

\* Retired effective 2/1/96

\*\*Retired effective 8/31/96

In addition, several faculty who were not eligible to formally retire under the CUNY Incentive Program resigned, effective in August 1996:

Hilda Blanco	Urban Affairs & Planning
Keith Clarke	Geology & Geography
*Pamela Gillespie	Library
Floyd Horowitz	English
Esther Madriz	Sociology
Jayne Silberman	Social Work
Maureen Thornby	Health Sciences

. \*Resigned to accept appointment as Chief Librarian, CCNY.

We wish each of them a joyful retirement experience and hope they will join us from time to time at the

Faculty-Staff Lounge and maintain their long-standing and valued association with the Hunter Community.

**Faculty Seminars on "Jumbo" Classes**

The Office of the Provost, The Faculty Delegate Assembly, and the Department of Philosophy are co-sponsoring a series of three seminars on teaching undergraduate courses in a large (100-300 seat) or jumbo (300-600 seat) format. Dr. Alan Hausman, Visiting Professor of Philosophy, will offer these seminars, and they will be open to all full-time faculty members at the College. Dr. Hausman is an expert in the pedagogy of large lecture courses. He taught philosophy at Ohio State University from 1964 to 1991. During that time, he frequently offered Introduction to Philosophy and other introductory humanities courses to classes of 400-500 students or more. For the past five years, he has been teaching at Southern Methodist University.

The first seminar is scheduled for Dean's Hours (1:15-3:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, September 25 in the President's Conference Room (1700E). The theme is "Psychological Pedagogy for Jumbo Classes." How can one get and hold attention of a large audience whose members may have a shrinking attention span? What group discussion should be held in class sections, and even at the plenary lectures? Dr. Hausman will offer his answers to these and a host of other nuts and bolts questions.

The second session is scheduled for Dean's Hours on Wednesday, October 23, again in the President's Conference Room. The theme is "Managing the Hordes," both the hundreds of students registered in the course and the army of teaching assistants (TAs) necessary to run it. Instructors can harness new technology to help: computer assisted grading, a Web page, e-mail and other Internet resources. Dr. Hausman will share his views on these and other assets, and also consider specific issues which should be addressed in working with TAs.

The third seminar is tentatively scheduled for Dean's Hours on Wednesday, November 13, this time in Room 511W, one of the West Building's large lecture halls. This will give seminar participants an opportunity to present an introductory jumbo lecture

which could then be critiqued by the group. Alternatively, this session could be devoted to workshops on different aspects of a jumbo class.

Offering courses in the large lecture halls of the West and North Buildings, including jumbo courses in the Assembly Hall, may be the most efficient and economically feasible way for a number of departments to offer introductory courses at Hunter in the future. These seminars are offered in the hope that members of the faculty and departments in the College will seriously explore the possibility of offering large and jumbo lectures, availing themselves of the guidance and direction of someone who has offered such courses with great success.

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### Faculty Development Colloquia

The CUNY Graduate School's Office of Research and University Programs is sponsoring six colloquia this semester and all faculty of the respective CUNY colleges, such as Hunter, are invited to attend at no cost. A detailed description of each program is posted on the FDA Bulletin Board at the Faculty-Staff Dining Room (8th Floor-West), and a brief synopsis is noted below:

- Writing for Publication, Fridays, September 6- December 6, 2-5 p.m. Contact: Prof. Alan Cooper, (718)-262-2491, or cooyo@cunyvm.cuny.edu.
- Balancing the Curriculum for Gender, Race, Ethnicity & Class, Wednesdays; beginning October 2nd, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Contact: Prof. Dorothy Helly, (212)772-5546.
- Faculty Mediation Training, Friday, December 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Contact: Ms. Marie Volpe, (212) 237-8692, or mrvjj@cunyvm.cuny.edu.
- Criminal Justice Education, October 3, 3:00-6:00p.m.; October 4, 8:45 a.m.-7:30 p.m., October 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Contact: Mr. Patrick O'Hara, (212) 237-8086, or

cjcjj@cunyvm.cuny.edu

- Electronic WID Colloquium, dates not set  
Contact: Ms. Carolyn Kirkpatrick,  
(718) 262-2128, or,  
Kirkpatrick@ycvax.york.cuny.edu.
- Lie Groups and Symetric Spaces, dates not set  
Contact: Mr. Martin Moskowitz,  
(212) 642-2458, or  
mamgc@cunyvm.cuny.edu

Hunter faculty interested in offering a seminar or colloquium during the Spring 1997 Semester should call Professor Alan Gartner's office (#642-2151) at the Graduate Center for further information.

### Faculty-Staff Lounge Opening

We are pleased to announce that the 8th Floor Faculty-Staff Lounge will be open, 2-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, starting September 24. Those who teach at night, work late or wish a nourishing afternoon snack may take pleasure in a chance to read, talk, relax and even grade papers as they enjoy hot coffee and sweet biscuits with colleagues and friends in the Lounge, with our compliments. The Lounge will be open this semester through December 19th, and then will reopen for Spring Semester on February 3rd. So, come and enjoy!

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