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## Welcome Back

As the Academic Year 1997-1998 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.

Four members of the Executive Committee were elected or reelected by you in May to two-year terms of office (1997-1999), respectively, as President, Vice-President, Day Session Representative and Part-Time 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 (Curr. & Teach.) Vice-President
- ◆ Prof. Ellen Steinberg (Health Sciences) Secretary
- ◆ Prof. Maria Rodriguez (SEEK) Treasurer
- ◆ Prof. Adele Haft (Classics) Day Session Representative
- ◆ Prof. Patricia Woodard (Library) Evening Session Representative
- ◆ Prof. Cecile Insdorf (Romance Languages) Part-Time Faculty Representative

## Faculty Transfers Announced

The CUNY Board of Trustees approved the transfer of six members of Hunter's Department of Theatre and Film (renamed the Theatre Department) to a newly constituted Department of Film and Media Studies (formerly the Communications Department).

The new department will offer a comprehensive media program covering the creative arts and practices of film, video, print journalism and digital media design.

Therefore, effective September 1, 1997, the following colleagues will be a member of Film and Media Studies: Professor Richard Barsam, Associate Professor Joel Zucker, Assistant Professors Michael Hurbis-Cherrier, Ivone Margulies and Richard Tomkins, and Chief CLT Renato Tonelli.

We wish them well in their new academic setting.

## Four CLTs Join OICIT

As previously announced by President Caputo, separate offices of Audio-Visual Services, Academic Computing, Telecommunications and Administrative Services were abolished effective April 1, 1997 upon the formation of Hunter's new Office of Instructional Computing and Information Technology (OICIT). Under the leadership of Dr. Denise Ondishko, OICIT has assumed broad responsibility for computing and technology support services at Hunter.

In this process, four members of the College's instructional staff were transferred from Audio-Visual and Academic Computing to OICIT, effective April 1, 1997: Senior College Laboratory Technicians Alex Roy, Richard Viola and Henry Wong, and, College Laboratory Technician Tejada Socrates. All good wishes to you as members of the OICIT team.

**Vetus Tamen Iuvenesco**

We note that the following full-time faculty of Hunter College have retired this year:

*Rosemary Gaffney	Special Education
*Mildred Mailick	Social Work
Lester Mann	Special Education
*Stanley Novak	Psychology
Horst Scherp	Geography
Helene Sherman	Curr. & Teaching

In addition, several faculty and CLTs resigned, effective August 31st:

** Kay Davidson	Social Work
Kathleen Gambino	Nursing
Nancy Jones	Nursing
*** Margaret Lunney	Nursing
Claude McDaniel	Mathematics
** Polly Thistlethwaite	Library
Melinda Wagner	Music
Christopher Ward	Computer Science

- \* On Travia Leave Through 1/31/98
- \*\* Resigned Effective April, 1997
- \*\*\* Resigned for Transfer to CSI

We wish our colleagues joyful new experiences and hope they will join us from time to time at the Faculty-Staff Lounge and maintain their long-standing and valued association with Hunter College.

**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, 1997:

Suzanne Babyar	Health Sciences
Sema Brainin	Curr. & Teaching
Anthony Branker	Music

Emily Braun	Art
Diana Conchado	Romance Languages
Lynn Francesconi	Chemistry
Mark Goldberg	Health Sciences
Jonathan Kalb	Theatre
Mary Kopala	Edu. Foundations
Marie Mosley	Nursing
Marta Petruszewicz	History
Maura Ryan	Nursing
Louise Sherby	Library
Sigmund Shipp	Urban Affairs
Wendy Tan	Library
Sylvia Tomasch	English
John Wallach	Political Science
Patricia Woodard	Library

Well Done!

**College Calendar for Spring**

Senior Registrar Yechiel (Jerry) Rosenrauch has announced that the Hunter College academic calendar for the forthcoming Spring 1998 Semester has been approved, and the highlights are noted below so that faculty can begin to make plans for the term ahead. [The Fall 1997 College Calendar appeared in our May 1997 issue.]

- January 19 = Martin Luther King Day, College Closed
- January 29 = Winter Commencement
- January 31 = First day of classes

- February 10 = Classes follow Thursday schedule
- February 12 = Lincoln's Birthday, College Closed
- February 16 = Washington's Birthday Observed, College Closed

- April 1 = Honors Convocation
- April 8 = Classes follow Friday Schedule
- April 10-19 = Spring Recess

- May 20 = Last day of classes
- May 21-29 = Finals week for Spring 1998
- May 25 = Memorial Day, College Closed
- June 3-4 = Spring Commencement



### Tom Jennings Honored

At the Hunter College Commencement exercises on June 5th, President David A. Caputo issued a Presidential Proclamation to honor Professor J. Thomas Jennings (Library) upon the occasion of his plans to retire. The citation read, in part:

*WHEREAS Professor Tom Jennings has served as Associate Librarian for Operations, Acting Chief Librarian, and Deputy Chief Librarian, and*

*WHEREAS during his 25 years at Hunter College he has earned the respect, affection, and admiration of students and colleagues for his orientation lectures to new students and his classroom instruction in library research skills, as well as for the efficient manner in which he supervised and coordinated the Library's move from the North Building to the East Building, which has been described as "a logistical nightmare," and*

*WHEREAS his good judgment and professionalism, his unwavering dedication and commitment to Hunter College and its students, were manifest in everything he did to articulate the needs of the Library during years of severe budget cuts, and*

*WHEREAS he did all this with patience and good humor, leading his colleagues to describe him as a "really good person," "compassionate," someone who "really listens," "a responsible person who embraces changing technologies and is always non-judgmental and fair," and "a wonderful person who really cares about his job," and*

*WHEREAS Professor Tom Jennings is now leaving Hunter-- and is rumored to be thinking of returning to the theater-- it is therefore with great pride and gratitude for his many years of devoted service to Hunter College which advanced significant faculty research and aided thousands of students -- that I now extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks to Tom Jennings. We can be sure that whether or not he embraces the theater his next endeavor will be a class act.*

The Executive Committee of the FDA joins the President in thanking Tom for his devotion to the College and for his collegial spirit. He joins Professor L. Michael Griffel (Music), Professor Susan H. Lees (Anthropology) and Robert J. Buckley (Research Administration) as 1996 and 1997 recipients of Presidential Proclamations.

### In Memoriam

The Executive Committee of the FDA notes with deep sadness the loss this summer of a treasured colleague, Professor Robert Cookingham, Head Librarian at the School of Social Work. He died on June 23rd after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Bob Cookingham received his bachelor's degree from the College of Great Falls in his beloved state of Montana, and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan and Brooklyn College. Before coming to Hunter, Bob served as Deputy Director of the Monroe County Library in Michigan, Director of the Billings Public Library in Montana and Director for Administrative Services at Brooklyn College. He held leadership positions in the American Library Association and received numerous awards for his accomplishments. We will miss him very much.

Donations in Professor Cookingham's memory can be made to one of the following organizations that helped him during his difficult time: Cancer Care (1180 Sixth Avenue), Cabrini Hospice (227 East 19 Street) or Gilda's Club (195 West Houston Street).

**Robert M. Cookingham**  
(1939 -1997)  
Assistant Professor  
Hunter College Libraries

**Faculty-Staff Lounge**

We are pleased to announce that the 8th floor Faculty-Staff Lounge will open , 2:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, starting September 22nd. 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 tea and coffee and sweet biscuits with colleagues and friends in the Lounge, with our compliments. The Lounge will be open this semester through December 11th, and then will reopen for Spring Semester on February 2nd. So, come and enjoy!

**Electronic Communications for Faculty**

Hunter College Faculty have access to an expanding array of electronic services. Here are just three of the most useful.

**Hunter-L** is an electronic forum serving all members of the Hunter College community. Sponsored by the Hunter College Senate and Faculty Delegate Assembly, **Hunter-L** was created to promote collegial debate and information exchange. To become a subscriber, send the following message to: majordomo@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu:subscribe hunter-l your address.

**Asklib** is an electronic reference service provided by the Library to Hunter College faculty. Send your reference questions to asklib@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu. **Asklib** is an extension of the Library's off-site services Telephone Reference Service is still available at 772-4180.

The Library will provide all faculty members wishing to use the **Athena Network** and its CD ROMs from their offices or homes with a free "PC Anywhere" program disk. To use this program you must have at least a 2400 baud modem. To obtain the "PC Anywhere" program disk with installation instructions and directions on accessing the **Athena Network**, contact Mr. Ilan Zelazny, Library PC Systems Manager, Wexler Library, 772-4171, or, by

e-mail at izelazny@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu. Many thanks to our wonderful colleagues at the Hunter College Libraries for keeping us on the cutting edge of electronic communication.

**Our Newest Colleagues**

The Executive Committee of The General Faculty of Hunter College warmly welcomes our new full-time faculty colleagues, all of whom have been appointed as assistant professors this fall, unless otherwise noted:

Richard Belsky	History
Daniela Brunner	Psychology
Poundie Burstein	Music
+Charles Ehlschlaeger	Geography
++*Maria Figueiredo-Pereira	Biology
## Gabriel Haslip-Viera	CENTRO
Mohamed Ibrahim	Geography
*David Jaeger	Economics
Douglas Lee	Economics
Donna Masini	English
Byron Mayes	Library
Elke Nicolai	German
Christine Noschese	Film & Media
Theresa Osborne	Economics
*Janet Patti	Curr. & Teaching
+Roland Perez	Library
*Carol Roye	Nursing
Sharon Sassler	Sociology
Joanne Spurza	Classics
Charles Tien	Political Science
**Vidette Todaro-Franceschi	Nursing
Dwayne Turner	Health Sciences
++Susan Turner-Meiklejohn	Urban Affairs
#Christina Veresmortean	Chemistry

In addition, five full-time faculty were appointed this fall as substitute assistant professors:

Elizabeth Danto	Social Work
Victoria Nikou	Nursing
Michelangelo Salcedo	Computer Science
**William Sakas	Computer Science
**Michael Schleiser	Economics



We are delighted that you have joined the faculty of this superb college and pleased once again to be able to welcome so many new colleagues.

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- \* Appointment as Associate Professor
- \*\* Appointment as Instructor
- + Appointment effective 2/1/97
- ++ Appointment effective 2/1/98
- # Appointment as CLT
- ## CUNY transfer

### CUNY Releases Staffing Data

Data compiled for CUNY's Affirmative Action Reports shed additional light on the across-the-board faculty and staff losses that Hunter College has sustained in recent years. In addition to the cuts (and their implications) noted in recent Hunter FDA and Senate Testimony [see our May 1997 issue], the new CUNY statistics highlight Hunter's losses in virtually every area. From 1994 to 1996, for example, our full-time faculty decreased from 632 to 548, a net loss of 84. The loss during this period of other instructional staff (i.e., HEOs and CLTs) was 47 -- a decline from 271 to 224. Together, these figures represent a total percentage loss of full-time instructional staff in merely two years of 14%.

In addition, the number of part-time faculty and non-teaching adjuncts at Hunter fell from 675 (in 1994) to 588 (in 1996) --- an additional loss of 87. Moreover, lines assigned to Hunter by the Graduate School (as partial compensation for our contribution to CUNY doctoral programs) slipped from 43 to 42.

The only category in which the CUNY data reflected a net increase at Hunter during the two years was in senior administrators; they increased from 21 to 23.

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