

**Presidential Initiatives to Increase Student Engagement**  
2007-2008

**Student Presentation Initiative**

The Student Presentation Initiative provides funding to offset some travel expenses for faculty-nominated students who will *present their work* at professional conferences that they attend with Hunter faculty; or to organize a faculty sponsored, student-scholarship conference at Hunter.

► **Economics**

Activity: The New York Region Federal Challenge Competition 

Faculty: Sangeeta Pratap

Students: specially selected Economics majors

Summary

Eight undergraduates majoring in Economics represented Hunter College in the New York Region Fed Challenge competition, which is organized annually by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The competition consisted of a 20-minute presentation by the students and a 10-minute question and answer session. Approximately twenty college teams from the tri-state area participated.

► **Film and Media Studies**

Activity: International Conference on Television, Audio, Video, New Media, and Feminism

Faculty: Isabel Pinedo

Students: David Gallagher, Monica Zoë Janis

Summary

Two Media majors—David Gallagher and Monica Zoë Janis—participated in the International Conference on Television, Audio, Video, New Media, and Feminism: Console-ing Passions, at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

► **Geography**

Activity: Spacial Justice Conference

Faculty: Joni Siegal

Student: Erin Araujo

Summary

Graduate student Erin Araujo presented “Polluted Streams: The Political Economy of Potable Water in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico” at the Spacial Justice Conference in Nanterre, France. Ms Araujo’s paper explored the privatization of water purification and delivery services in developing countries, using the Mexican state of Chiapas as her subject.

► **Mathematics and Statistics**

Activity: American Mathematical Society/Research Experience for Undergraduates Conference

Faculty: Ada Peluso

Student: Yevgeniy Milman

Summary

Student Yevgeniy Milman presented “A Bucklying Problem for Graphene Sheets” at the Research Experience for Undergraduates Conference in San Diego, which was sponsored by the American Mathematical Society.

### ► Philosophy

Activity: Examining Whiteness Conference

Faculty: Frank Kirkland

Student: Erika Soto

Summary

Erika Soto's presented "Jorge Garcia's Argument for Hispanic/Latino Identity: A Critique" at Examining Whiteness, an academic conference on White privilege and racism in America at Allegheny College.

Activity: Nietzsche Conference

Faculty: Christa Acampora, Barbara Sproul

Student: David Cereguas

Summary

Senior David Cereguas participated in a conference conducting research on Nietzsche using new technologies and a recently discovered text.

### ► Political Science

Activity: National Model UN/Harvard University Model UN

Faculty: Pamela Falk

Students: Hunter College Model UN students

Summary

Selected Hunter students participated in the National Model UN in Massachusetts. The event provided an opportunity for Hunter undergraduates to engage in simulations that promote a more complete understanding of current world issues.

### ► Psychology

Activity: Measuring Zoo Animal Welfare Conference 

Faculty: Sheila Chase

Student: Marieke Gartner

Summary

Marieke Gartner, who is a graduate student in Hunter's Animal Behavior Concentration, presented "Temperament Assessment in Snow Leopards (*Panthera uncia*) at Measuring Zoo Animal Welfare: Combining Approaches and Overcoming Challenges in Chicago.


Activity: International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)

Faculty: Michael Siller

Student: Anna Kemp Ray

Hunter graduate student Anna Kemp Ray presented "Behavioral Observations of Children's Responses to Others' Distress Predict Teacher Ratings of Social Abilities" at the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR) in London.

### ► Urban Affairs and Planning

Activity: 2008 Urban Affairs Association Conference 

Faculty: Sigmund C. Shipp

Students: Kenneth Comia, Mary Rocco, Scott Solomon, James Michael Wilkerson

Summary

Students presented "The Syllabi Project: Analysis of Syllabi Used in the Urban Planning Curriculum" at the 2008 Urban Affairs Association Conference in Baltimore.