College to Celebrate Ninetieth Commencement on May 29

“Are you ready for the brainy season?” That clever inquiry adorns the little packages containing the redesigned rain ponchos that will be distributed to all in attendance should this year’s Commencement run afoul of the weather. But, regardless of what Mother Nature blesses us with, the college’s ninetieth Commencement on May 29 will be a brainy affair, as reflected in the choice of this year’s speaker and honorary degree recipient, Carol Jantzen, an expert in nuclear waste management.

Patryk Perkowski, a double major (Pure Mathematics and Economics), will offer the valedictory, and Student Association President Matthew Louie, a triple major (Accounting, Economics, Political Science), will offer greetings.

Commencement organizers John Andrejack (Dean of Students) and Stephanie Lilavois (Events and Commencement) anticipate that this year’s ceremony will continue the trend in bigger turnouts begun a few years ago. Lilavois notes a 20 percent increase in the past three years, alone.

Increases in the number of psychology and education graduates in attendance, in particular, have necessitated some changes in staging arrangements for the processional.

And why are more students attending Commencement now? “It may speak to the fact that we’re doing a better job of making students feel connected to the college,” says Andrejack. He also points to the implementation a few years ago of a convenient way for students to RSVP online as another factor contributing to the higher numbers.

“Having a greater percentage of your graduates attend your commencement ceremony is a problem a lot of other colleges would love to have,” he says.

Attendance numbers also will be augmented by the presence of some previous QC graduates, alumni from the classes of ’44, ’54, and ’64 who have been invited to attend.

Michael Edelstein (Economics) will serve as chief marshal, aided by approximately 50 marshals from faculty and staff. As in years past, local elected officials and representatives from CUNY will attend, including Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and CUNY Interim Chancellor William P. Kelly.

In the following pages we highlight some of this year’s exceptional graduates.
A Fulbright Future for Two New Graduates

In a few months, the U.S. government will send two QC graduates packing, and they couldn’t be more delighted. **KARLA PADAWER SOLOMON ’14** and **CHLOE WEISER Fall ’13**—both of them Macaulay Scholars—have won prestigious Fulbright Program positions as English Teaching Assistants (ETAs). Each will spend 10 months living in a foreign community, promoting cultural exchange as well as language skills.

Padawer Solomon hopes to become an author, but she’s not ruling out a career in the classroom. “I’m thinking of getting a master’s in teaching English as a second language,” she says. A psychology major who minored in Spanish and linguistics, she volunteered with the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative, which oversees services for the state’s deaf-blind children and their families. In addition, she worked at QC’s Writing Center, where she discovered how much she loved teaching English.

Padawer Solomon’s application for an ETA position in Spain was inspired by her eight-week stay in Madrid last summer through the University Studies Abroad Consortium of the University of Nevada—and a friendship with a student doing Fulbright-funded, on-location research. “Her Spanish was infinitely better than mine,” Padawer Solomon recalls. “When I left, I thought, ‘I’m so not done. I’m coming back to finish what I started.’” To improve her command of Spanish, she hopes to room with a native speaker during her Fulbright service.

Weiser, an English and anthropology major, treasures the intercultural experiences she has had at college. “Before I came to QC, I didn’t know that the diversity here was exactly what I wanted,” she comments. Now she is eager for more. “I want to travel, interact with ESL students, and teach.”

Like Padawer Solomon, Weiser may pursue a master’s in teaching English as a second language. Four years as a tutor at QC’s Writing Center helped prepare her to be an ETA. Her choice of host country—the Czech Republic—was also influenced by what she learned at QC. “I read Czech writing in a global literature class, and it really resonated with me,” she says. “In a country that survived so many ideological regimes, what does this post-dystopian reality look like?”

Salk Winner Investigating Lipitor

Lipitor—one of a class of cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins—is the best-selling medication of all time, with sales exceeding $125 billion. Like many medications, Lipitor has reported side effects. Research into memory loss caused by Lipitor has earned Macaulay Honors College student Daniel Stalbow a Jonas E. Salk Scholarship.

Named for the City College graduate who developed the polio vaccine, the scholarship awards $8,000 over four years to students accepted to a medical school whose undergraduate work suggests the potential to make major contributions to medical research. Stalbow’s work was done in the lab of Carolyn Pytte (Neuroscience). “Dan is investigating whether Lipitor affects the production of new neurons in the adult brain,” explains Pytte, noting that statins have the ability to cross the blood-brain barrier.

Songbirds—specifically Zebra finches—were used in Stalbow’s study. They were chosen because the region of their brains that correlates to learning activity reflects the learning process in humans more closely than any other terrestrial animal.

Parking on Commencement Day

On Commencement Day, Thursday, May 29, the Main Gate entrance and the Schiller Road entrance will be closed and restricted to emergency traffic only. Anyone with a parking decal for Field 11 or 12, or special disabled parking passes should enter the campus through the Melbourne Avenue, Gate #2 entrance; you will be directed to park at the Student Union side deck.

If you have a decal for Field 1, you may park in Field 2/7 or 6.

Please enter these fields through the Melbourne Avenue entrance. Faculty and staff assigned to Fields 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 14 must enter through the Melbourne Ave. entrance.

To be sure of on-campus parking, you should arrive before 9 am; all entrance gates will be closed when the parking fields are full.
Lauren Blachorsky: From Neuroscience Major to Goldwater Scholar

A junior majoring in neuroscience, Lauren Blachorsky ’15 has already accumulated considerable research experience. She has worked in laboratories on campus since she was a freshman and spent last summer at the MIT Summer Research Program. Now her efforts have earned her nationwide recognition: a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

A federally funded award established in 1986 to honor Senator Barry Goldwater, the scholarship is the premier U.S. prize for undergraduates majoring in math, science, and engineering. As one of 283 winners for fiscal year 2014–15—chosen from over 1,100 applicants—Blachorsky is eligible for up to $7,500 toward the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board next year.

“It is an incredible honor to be named a Goldwater Scholar, and I could not have done it without the tremendous support I have received from the research community here at Queens College,” said Blachorsky, a Macaulay Scholar who credits her professors with helping her to discover her love for science. “I would like to especially thank Drs. Carolyn Pytte and Joshua Brumberg for starting me off in my research career.” After finishing her bachelor’s degree, Blachorsky plans to enter a doctoral program; at the moment, she is particularly interested in studying neuroconnective degenerative diseases, such as Parkinson’s.

“As an undergraduate, Lauren has already demonstrated great scientific promise,” says Interim President Evangelos Gizis, himself a research chemist. “We are so pleased that she has received this very competitive award, which I have no doubt will ultimately lead to a brilliant career in neuroscience.”

 Adds Dr. Mike Lamb, Macaulay’s Scholar-in-Residence: “Every time I hear Lauren present her research, I’m reminded once again what a great public scientist she is. She combines a powerful, precise intellect with a warm enthusiasm about science that draws in experts and non-experts alike.”

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brain, where cholesterol helps produce lipid membrane, a fatty substance essential to all cells.

“Every cell in your body needs cholesterol, it’s essential for proper development,” says Stalbow. “So if you deprive a developing child of cholesterol, there may be serious developmental issues.”

Stalbow, who is graduating with a BA in neuroscience and a minor in biochemistry, will pursue his MD at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. The 22-year-old White Plains native has already had some exposure to the medical field as a volunteer in emergency rooms. “It gives you an idea of what you’re going to see if you go into medicine, which is a really valuable experience,” he says.

Queens College, he notes, is something of a family tradition: “My aunt and uncle went here, and my parents met here as students.”
Family Bond Deepens by Degree

At Commencement this month, the Moraitises have more to celebrate than other families with graduates in the class of 2014: Douglaston residents Angela Moraitis and her daughter, Samantha, are both receiving their bachelor’s degrees. Even more remarkably, both completed the same major.

“College would have been easier earlier, but I don’t know that it would have been as rewarding,” comments Angela, a Bronx native who landed a clerical position at Emigrant Savings Bank right after she received her diploma from Mother Butler Memorial High School. “Any graduate from Mother Butler pretty much was offered a job there. It was a different time.” She was a stay-at-home mom with two children in 1990, when she heard about ACE (Adult Collegiate Education) at QC. “I decided I would regret it if I didn’t apply,” continues Angela, who enrolled and completed two courses before having another child, Samantha.

The ensuing years would find Angela juggling family responsibilities, her full-time job as manager for a medical practice—she worked her way up from typist—and college. “The first class that I enrolled in was psychology,” she recalls. “I was hooked.”

Meanwhile, Samantha finished grades K–12 and won a scholarship to Molloy College. After two years as an elementary education major, she realized she had to complete more credits than she could schedule within the remaining two years of her award. Familiar with QC—“one of my sisters and my mom had already been here”—she transferred, declaring a double major in elementary education and psychology. “At the beginning of this year, I dropped the elementary ed major,” says Samantha, who holds part-time jobs at two fitness facilities.

Never in the same exact class, the Moraitises did, on three occasions, find themselves taking the same course within the same semester. “Having different professors helped us out,” notes Samantha. “If one of us didn’t understand something, we would try to explain it in a way that our own professor did. We were able to give each other a different outlook.”

Their shared experience has brought them closer. “Attending college at the same time has enabled the two of us to appreciate even more what the other is going through,” adds Angela. “We use each other to work through the stresses and bumps in the road that life gives us.”

Samantha will be continuing her education at QC, where she has been accepted into the EECE graduate program. After taking time off, Angela also expects to go to graduate school, for a degree in counseling. But first, a party is in order, and maybe a mother-daughter trip to Greece. “Friends have offered to let us stay in their home in Aegina,” says Angela. Congratulations—and bon voyage.

(L–r) Samantha and Angela Moraitis

A Good First Year for CUNY Service Corps

In the year since its inception, the CUNY Service Corps is living up to its promise of providing opportunities that benefit both students and New York City.

A good example of how the program can play out is Sayashmini Madhow, whose experience was featured recently on CUNY’s website. The QC biology major has had notable success in her placement at the newly opened Teen Space at the Queens Central Library. Drawing upon her science background, she created a Teen Science Club.

“I’m proud of this,” she declares, “because I’m able to introduce scientific topics and reinforce them. I wanted to introduce teens to the natural world. You’d be surprised what teens aren’t learning in high school!”

Madhow also created a Teen Talk program, providing a place where teens could feel safe discussing issues such as cyberbullying. An unexpected by-product was the number of queries she began receiving about college. “Most of the teens I’ve met are uninformed about their future opportunities,” she says. She is now working on ways to get them this information.

“I stepped into the Corps not knowing that I’d learn as much as I have,” Madhow observes. “I’ve had the opportunity to teach and gain knowledge. It shapes my thinking of the world around us and makes me more thankful for the opportunities I’ve been given. It helps me to grow as a future leader.”

Madhow was one of 103 QC students—chosen from 260 applicants—to win a placement at one of the Corps’ 96 partner organizations, notes QC’s Service Corps Manager César Oyervides-Cisneros. Some 2,000 students applied at seven participating CUNY schools.

“Students were really making a leap of faith,” says Thomas Szlezak (Center for Teaching and Learning), who helps administer QC’s program. Last spring when they were submitting applications, students were unaware of who the partner organizations would be.

“We were giving them sample assignments of what they might be doing: ‘You may be working with English language learners in a classroom, or teaching somebody to use technology, or working in a museum as a tour guide.’ The partners weren’t finalized until we were well into reading applications.”

Initiated by former Chancellor Matthew Goldstein in response to the enormous wave of student volunteerism he observed following Superstorm Sandy, the CUNY Service Corps is modeled after the national AmeriCorps. Students commit to working 12 hours weekly, for 24 weeks, at $12 an hour. They work in organizations that serve New York City in...
Experts from around the world illuminated a dark topic on March 17, when QC’s Virginia Frese Palmer Conference—an annual Women’s History Month event sponsored by the Women and Gender Studies Program—addressed Women and Genocide.

In her opening remarks, Elissa Bemporad (History) said, “It’s always surprising to notice the absence of women in studies of genocide,” adding that inclusion of the female perspective is essential. Columbia University anthropology professor Audra Simpson followed with a presentation about Theresa Spence, chief of the Attawapiskat First Nation. In December 2012, when Spence went on a hunger strike to publicize Canada’s treatment of indigenous peoples, some legislators joked about her failure to starve to death. Simpson saw the chief’s six-week fast as both a protest and an exercise of female agency in a patriarchal system that made women and their tribal property disappear.

The next panelist, Donna-Lee Frieze from New York’s Center for Jewish History, discussed gender aspects of the Armenian genocide. In spring 1915 the Ottoman Empire began its campaign by murdering prominent Armenian men, as well as Armenian soldiers in the Turkish army; this strategy, Frieze said, “left the remaining highly female population subject to rape, death marches, and massacre.” Survivors were enslaved and forcibly converted to Islam, crippling the community’s ability to rebuild. Historians detect gender-based differences in the Holocaust, too. NYU’s Marion Kaplan pointed out that men were attacked first during Kristallnacht. In Palestine, male settlers were more welcome than females, on the assumption that the former could open businesses. For reasons like these—and because circumcision made it easy to identify Jewish men—“women stood on breadlines, traded valuables, visited Jewish councils, and worked,” reported Kaplan. “In the resistance, they acted as couriers and emissaries.”

On the Nazi side, “there was a gendered division of labor in the machinery of destruction,” said Wendy Lower of Claremont McKenna College. “Women were the center of the culture of plundering, processing the property of Jews, stockpiling material, and opening shops to sell it.” In other ways, wives, secretaries, and nurses provided support for the Third Reich. Next, Lehman College anthropology professor Victoria Sanford talked about the scorched-earth campaign led by the Guatemalan army in the 1980s. Deeming Mayans sympathetic to antigovernment guerrillas, the army wiped out indigenous communities; survivors were herded into resettlement camps. By design, every operation entailed the assault and murder of Mayan women. “Genocide is a gendered atrocity,” declared Sanford. “Ninety-nine percent of the sexual violence was committed by the army and other state security forces.”

Human rights activist Jacqueline Murekatete gave personal testimony of surviving genocide in Rwanda 20 years ago, when she was only 9. “The Hutu-led government planned the extermination of Tutsis, and Hutus who objected to it,” she said. Rape and transmission of HIV were strategic tools for the government, which promoted brutality. Today, Rwanda’s population is 70 percent female, and reconstruction efforts mandate the inclusion of women in government.

Using images taken by photojournalist Paula Allen, NYU’s Lisa DiCaprio documented genocide and its aftermath in Srebrenica. In 1995 Bosnian Serbs captured the city, bused out female Moslem residents of a designated United Nations safe area, and killed the remaining 8,000 men, “many in warehouses selected in advance for this purpose,” noted DiCaprio. Now the victims’ wives, mothers, sisters, and aunts lead the quest for justice from the international community.

The last speaker, Cassandra Atlas, human rights advocacy coordinator at the international human rights organization MADRE, described grassroots recovery projects in Colombia and Guatemala, helping women preserve their memories and seek redress for loss and injury. “Official reparation efforts have either failed, or didn’t address their needs,” particularly with regard to sexual violence, she explained. MADRE is also active in Syria, where, Atlas said, “women are completely excluded from the peace process.”

Women and Genocide, QC’s 13th Virginia Frese Palmer Conference, was co-sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, English, History, Political Science, and Urban Studies, and the Divisions of Arts and Humanities and the Social Sciences.

Gotham Gala
The 24th Queens College Gala was held, once again, at Manhattan’s Gotham Hall. This year’s honorees (l to r) were former QC President James Muyskens and two alums who’ve achieved notable success in the financial services industry: Don Brownstein ’65 and Stephanie J. Stiefel ’80. QC’s longest-serving president, Muyskens was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Brownstein, recipient of the President’s Award, is Chief Investment Officer and CEO of SPM, LLC. He spent 20 years teaching philosophy before his move into finance, where his success enabled him to donate $1 million to QC to fund a scholarship program honoring his former philosophy professor, John McDermott. Stiefel, who received the Alumni Award, is Managing Director at Neuberger Berman LLC. She is also a trustee on the Queens College Foundation board. (Gala emcee Gail Marquis ’80 and Stiefel are pictured at the top of page 1.)
QC Featured in Princeton Review’s Guide to 332 Green Colleges

“Affectionately referred to as the ‘jewel of the CUNY system,’ Queens College might truly be the greenest gem in the thriving NYC borough of Queens.” So says the recently released 2014 Princeton Review’s Guide to 332 Green Colleges. The editors also note that QC is among the “most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada” and is committed to “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

The Princeton Review released its free book a few days before the April 22 celebration of Earth Day. The annual guide, now in its fifth edition, was created in partnership with the Center for Green Schools and the U.S. Green Building Council.

Basketball Star Scores Sabbatical in Africa

After one season as a shooting guard and another as an undergraduate assistant with QC’s basketball team, Lisanne Comeau ’14 scored the position of her dreams: A 10-month sabbatical in Rwanda with Boston-based Shooting Touch. The organization uses basketball as a vehicle for improving the lives of children and teenagers.

“We’re supposed to build a basketball court from scratch, or refurbish an existing one,” says Comeau, who will fly to Africa in October. “I plan to do both.” While teaching kids about her sport, she will collaborate with local nonprofits and health organizations to educate people about disease-prevention and nutrition, and work with female leaders on gender equality. To keep the game going after she leaves, she will set up a program to certify basketball coaches. Her goals are outlined in the youtube video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0zd-7shhYs) she submitted as part of her sabbatical application.

A team player, Comeau is grateful that Shooting Touch has assigned her a colleague in Rwanda: Remy N’diaye, a Senegalese athlete who got a scholarship to study in the United States after learning to play basketball in a program similar to those run by Shooting Touch. “He’ll know whom to talk to,” she explains. “We’ll be in the same place, working together.” Each of them will receive $25,000—a figure Comeau hopes to supplement with sponsorship—for living expenses and equipment.

“I want to work with Rwandans to create a better situation,” says Comeau. “Although I plan on teaching a lot of basketball and gender equality, etc., I know that I will be the one to learn the most.” A FNES major who interned in a strength and conditioning program at St. Francis College and at a physical therapy clinic, she expects to continue her education in a field related to fitness and health.
**IN MEMORIAM**

**LEO KRAFT**  
Professor Emeritus of Music Leo Kraft (ACSM) passed away suddenly on April 30. A Brooklyn native and 1945 graduate of Queens College, he studied composition under Karol Rathaus and, for his MA at Princeton, with Roger Sessions. He had taught at the college since 1947, becoming a full professor and chairman and, even after retirement in 1989, remaining an active friend and mentor to music students and faculty. Among his professional achievements, he served as president of the American Music Center. His numerous books on music theory became instant standards, and remain so.

Kraft was a learned and prodigious composer of chamber, orchestral, piano, vocal, band, and electronic music, producing work that is both performed and recorded in the United States and abroad. On the occasion of his 90th birthday in 2012, the Center for Jewish History hosted a virtuoso concert featuring many of his compositions with Jewish themes. A beloved member of the college community, Kraft has been filmed, interviewed, and toasted in recent years by ACSM graduates, students, and faculty. The School of Music will hold a memorial event for him in the near future.

**LUCIA LERMOND**  
Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy Lucia Lermond died suddenly on February 15. She graduated summa cum laude from Queens College in 1976, the winner of the Anna K. Edelman Award for Honors in Philosophy, and then went on to Columbia University, where she received an MA in 1978 and a PhD in religion in 1985. She taught for the first time at Queens that same year. Her dissertation, “The Form of Man: Human Essence in Spinoza’s Ethics,” was published in 1997.

Lucia’s devotion to teaching philosophy was evident in everything she did and said. Over almost 30 years, she urged students to think, and to think for themselves. Her death is a great loss to the department and the college.

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the areas of healthcare, education, economic development, and sustainability. These include the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, the Museum of Natural History, and Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden.

But don’t call these positions internships, says Szlezak. “This is basically a service placement that’s paid. There isn’t necessarily a direct connection to your academics; it’s more about developing your professional and personal identity.”

However, there can be significant academic benefits, notes Oyervides-Cisneros, citing the case of psychology major Ashley Bryant, who has been accepted to the Columbia School of Social Work. “She told me the work she had been doing at the site allowed her to have a stronger application. It gave her more of a sense of commitment to the field and provided experiences she could speak to in her application.”

Recently, Eva Fernández (CTL), Helen Gaudette (Global Education), Judy Krinitz, and Emanuel Avila (Student Life) assisted in a leadership seminar, one of the workshops that teaches Corps students professional development and civic engagement skills. “I’m hopeful that next year faculty will become more prominent in the Corps,” Oyervides-Cisneros says.

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Wuhan. He also lectured and gave master classes on Bach interpretation at the Beijing Central Conservatory of Music and at the China Conservatory of Music, also in Beijing, where PEI SUN ’97 is on the piano faculty. Erickson was interviewed by both Beijing Radio and Beijing TV... The Office of College Preparatory Programs, directed by ROBIN HIZME (English), received a $424,196 grant from the NYC Board of Education for the ongoing collaboration between QC and Townsend Harris High School.

**ZAHRA ZAKERI (Biology)** was awarded $392,584 by the National Institutes of Health for research on Mayhem, which will join Zakeri’s roster of books that have appeared in French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Greek editions as well as under UK imprints. Recently he published an essay about meeting Anaïs Nin, who briefly resided in Kew Gardens as a child; his account appears in A Café in Space: The Anais Nin Literary Journal. His latest book, Writing Beat and Other Occasions of Literary Mayhem, is scheduled for publication in November...
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**JOHN MOYNE**
Professor Emeritus of Linguistics and Computer Science John Moyne died on February 25 at the age of 93 at his home in Sea Cliff, NY. Born and raised in Iran, he came to the United States as a youth and received his PhD from Harvard University in linguistics and Near Eastern languages and literatures. He was the former chairman of the computer science department at Queens College and executive officer of the PhD program in linguistics at the CUNY Graduate Center.

A pioneer who helped to usher in the field of computational linguistics, Moyne is the author or co-author of over a dozen books, including *Understanding Language: Man or Machine* (reprinted 2013); he also wrote numerous articles in professional journals in linguistics and the cognitive sciences. He is regarded as one of the foremost scholars and translators of the Persian poet Rumi.

**MARTIN PINE**
Professor Emeritus of History Martin Pine, an internationally known scholar of Renaissance Italy, passed away on March 15. He held a BA from Columbia College, and an MA and a PhD in history from Columbia University. A member of the doctoral faculty at the CUNY Graduate Center, Pine was the author of Pietro Pomponazzi: Radical Philosopher of the Renaissance. He received the Queens College President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching and was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for Study and Research in Italy.

The History Department and the family of Martin Pine have established a prize fund in his memory to reward student achievement in Renaissance Studies, whether it be in history, philosophy, art history, comparative literature, or another relevant discipline. To make a contribution, go to qccommunity.qc.cuny.edu and click on the link for Martin Pine in the right-hand column.

**Donation Sets Physics Project in Motion**
The late Maurice Cotter (Physics) had a remarkable career. He helped design the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine in the U.S. Navy. Also a dedicated art collector, “he was an innovator in the field of neutron-activation analysis of paintings, illuminated manuscripts, and documents,” says Alexander Lisyansky, chair of QC’s physics department. “He developed the method of autoradiographic analysis using the medical research reactor at Brookhaven National Laboratory.” Cotter taught at QC from 1962 to 1991. Now, through a $15,000 gift from the Maurice J. Cotter Charitable Foundation, he will continue to make a positive impact here.

The donation is earmarked for the renovation of the physics department conference room.

“With new tables, chairs, carpeting, and shades, this room will become more welcoming,” says Lisyansky. “It will serve as an effective site for events ranging from faculty and student meetings, to weekly colloquia featuring physicists from U.S. and foreign institutions.”

“Dr. Cotter would be pleased to see his gift utilized in this way,” adds Gary Logfren, senior VP of Halliday Financial and trustee of the Cotter Foundation. “The new conference room will enhance the physics department’s ability to share information with colleagues and students.”

**PEOPLE IN THE MEDIA**
Stories in the *New York Times*, at *Gothamist.com*, and on *NY1* about growth in New York City’s population quoted **ANDREW BEVERIDGE** (Sociology). He was also quoted in a *Tampa Bay Times* story questioning Florida Senator Bill Nelson’s assertion that his state had surpassed New York in population. Census data compiled by Beveridge was cited in another Times story about efforts by residents in the Allerton area of the Bronx to have their neighborhood more formally recognized. He was also featured in a *NY1* story about streets in Queens where the ethnic composition of the residents has remained unchanged for decades... A study of rebound relationships co-authored by **CLAUDIA BRUMBAUGH** (Psychology) and R. Chris Fraley (University of Illinois) that was published in the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* garnered mentions at prevention.com, elle.com, bustle.com, and menshealth.com... **YVETTE CARO** (Psychological Center) was quoted in a story in the *Queens Chronicle* about how people’s moods might be affected by the change in seasons... **NICHOLAS COCH** (SEES) contributed his thoughts to an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* about a Stanford engineering professor’s proposal to drain the power out of hurricanes by constructing enormous wind farms at sea... **JOSEPH COHEN** (Sociology) was quoted in a *Washington Post* story concerning how the ongoing economic malaise is redefining the concept of being middle class in America. He was also quoted in a *bloomberg.com* story about the academic discipline of behavioral finance... **MARA EINSTEIN** (Media Studies) commented on the phenomenon of cause marketing for a story by *WGBH News*... A Mother Jones article on disruptive efforts by private equity firms to take over large segments of the rental housing market quoted **DESIREE FIELDS** (Urban Studies)... The *Daily News* quoted **JOSHUA FREEMAN** (History) in a story concerning the start of labor negotiations between New York City and municipal labor unions... **JULIE GEORGE’S** (Political Science) observations on the current instability in Ukraine appeared in a *Queens Chronicle* story about Ukrainians in Queens... Stories in the *TimesLedger* and at *DNAInfo.com* concerning QC’s planned $1.5 million renovation of its TV studio quoted **DAVE GOSINE** (Campus Facilities)... The *Queens Gazette* noted **EVELYN JULMISSE’S** (Africana Studies) award for contributions to the community from Congresswoman Grace Meng at her Black History Awards ceremony... **INAS RASHAD KELLY’S** (Economics) study on the economic...
impact of excessive alcohol consumption was the subject of a story in Pacific Standard. Her study concluding that retirement may have adverse consequences on one’s health was cited in the Wall Street Journal . . . 

MARGARET KYRKOSTAS (Anthropology Museum) . . . HARRY LEVINE (Sociology) confirmed for the Queens Chronicle on the political ramifications of State Sen. Tony Avella’s (D-Bayside) decision to join the Independent Democratic Conference. He also commented for theforumnewsgroup.com on Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino’s announcement that he would run for governor . . . The Queens Gazette ran a profile of MARGARET KYRKOSTAS (Anthropology Museum) . . .

Jeff Rosenstock (Ext. & Gov. Relations) was quoted in a story appearing at WSJ.com about the CUNY Dance Initiative, which will provide rehearsal and performance space at the university’s campuses across the five boroughs from June 1 through December 31, 2014. Supported by a $200,000 grant from the New York Community Trust and $80,000 from the Mertz Gilmore Foundation, the program will offer 12 to 14 residencies for choreographers living in New York City . . .

DANA WEINBERG’S (Soc.) participation in a panel on self-publishing at the Independent Book Publishers Association’s 26th Publishing University was reported in Publishers Weekly.

A Queens Chronicle roundup of spring art shows included Flushing Town Hall’s display of works by QC seniors . . . CLARA VILA-CASTELAR, who is pursuing her PhD in clinical psychology at QC, was featured in a New York Post article that extensively quoted the program’s director, NANCY FOLDI . . . A photo of several QC students volunteering at a soup kitchen across the street from the campus appeared in a story in the Daily News . . . The Queens Chronicle reported on efforts by students in the QC chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group to persuade shoppers at a nearby market to pressure Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz (D-Flushing) to vote for a bill requiring the labeling of foods sold in New York State that contain genetically modified organisms.

The Daily News reported on the collaboration between the QC Center for the Biology of Natural Systems and a group of Jackson Heights cleaning ladies to create Pa’lante Green Cleaning, a cooperative owned by the women who use organic cleaning methods taught to them by the center . . . The Year of Brazil exhibition Brazil Night & Day—Photographs by Andrew Prokos was featured at digitaljournal.com and broadwayworld.com . . . The TimesLedger and theforumnewsgroup.com featured accounts of the Virginia Frese Palmer Conference on the subject of women and genocide . . . Broadwayworld.com reported on the Louis Armstrong House Museum’s plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the week when Armstrong’s recording of “Hello, Dolly!” hit the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Hot 100. Louis Armstrong and Barbra Streisand pose at the premiere of the film Hello, Dolly! in December 1969.

Political Brushstrokes

As part of the college’s Year of Brazil, the Godwin-Ternbach Museum has been featuring an exhibition of the works of Brazilian activist, artist, and author Abdias Nascimento. It includes 40 large-scale, brilliantly colored digital prints of Nascimento’s art based on the theme of orixás—the forces of nature and mediators between heaven and earth, humans and the gods. The April 30 opening reception included a roundtable, Abdias Nascimento and Candomblé, Santeria and Afro-Latino Politics in Brazil and Cuba.