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What's News



QC Celebrates 80th Anniversary

When Queens College opened its doors on October 11, 1937, John Kinder was there. Eighty years to the day--after earning his degree in mathematics, serving in World War II, spending more than two decades in the reserves, and having a long and successful career in life insurance--John returned to the college with his family and friends to receive the 80th Anniversary Alumnus Award.



The 80th Anniversary reception, presided over by President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, was held in the Music Building Atrium, complete with music and dances from the 1930s, numerous guests including CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken and QC Foundation head Barry Bryer '67, and best wishes from [Governor Andrew Cuomo](#), [Mayor Bill de Blasio](#), and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, who also proclaimed October 11 Queens College Day. Award-winning 1010 WINS news reporter Juliet Papa '78 received the President's Medal, the highest administrative honor awarded by Queens College. Upon receiving it she said, "I am truly grateful for this, this is where it all started for me. Queens College was a great launching pad for me, and the CUNY experience has meant the world to me as well."

The reception launched a yearlong series of special events, exhibitions, and performances celebrating Queens College's 80th anniversary.



John W. Kinder '41 (center), honored with the 80th Anniversary Alumnus Award, is joined by (l.-r.) daughter Lois Watkins, grandson Mike Bancroft, Queens College President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, City University of New York Chancellor James B. Milliken, Queens College President's Medal recipient and award-winning reporter Juliet Papa '78, and QC Foundation Board Chair Barry Bryer '69.



President Matos Rodríguez with Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor in LeFrak Concert Hall.

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor Visits QC

New York's own Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, visited campus on Monday, October 16 for a spirited question-and-answer session with students in a packed LeFrak Concert Hall. President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez served as moderator of the event. Want to know more about Justice Sotomayor's remarkable life? You can order a copy of her memoir, *My Beloved World*, by [clicking here](#).



Cristina Jiménez Moreta '07 Receives "Genius" Award

Cristina Jiménez Moreta, who graduated from the college in 2007 with a degree in political science, received the prestigious MacArthur "Genius" Award last week. The youngest person to receive the award this year, Cristina is being recognized for her work at United We Dream (UWD), an immigrant youth-led organization she co-founded. [Read more.](#)

QC: Home of Geniuses

Cristina Jiménez Moreta is the latest in the line of QC alumni and faculty to receive the MacArthur "Genius" Award. Below are five previous geniuses. (Number in parentheses is year the MacArthur was awarded.)



Bright Sheng '84

Elliot Sperling '73 (1984) researched the political, religious, cultural, and economic relations between Tibet and China from the 14th through 17th centuries, and between Tibet and early 20th-century China.

Music Professor Emeritus George Perle (1986), a composer, music theorist, and musicologist, was known for radically reinterpreting the work of the Second Vienna School of composers. His book *Serial Composition and Atonality* (1962; 6th ed. 1991) is the standard work on Schoenberg, Berg, and Webern.

David Rudovsky '64 (1986) is an attorney who teaches and practices law in the areas of civil liberties, civil rights, and criminal justice. His work concerns the protection of the constitutional rights of individuals and groups.

Eric Wolf '46 (1990) was an anthropologist "whose work compared and synthesized historical factors and trends across centuries and civilizations. Much of his work focused on how the categories of race, ethnicity, and culture developed over the course of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries."

Bright Sheng '84 (2001) received the MacArthur for being "an innovative composer whose skillful orchestrations bridge East and West, lyrical and dissonant styles, and historical and contemporary themes to create compositions that resonate with audiences around the world."

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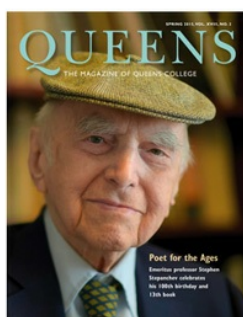
The 80th Anniversary issue of *Queens Magazine*--featuring a timeline of the college, 80 Wow! facts about faculty and alumni, and a profile of our latest MacArthur "Genius" Award winner Cristina Jiménez Moreta '07--is now available by [clicking here](#).



Godwin-Ternbach Museum Offers Drop-in Tours

Every Wednesday the staff of the Godwin-Ternbach Museum presents tours of its current exhibition, *Design Faculty at Queens College*, as well as Lobby Display installations featuring artists' books from the permanent collection and *Two Faces of the Silk Roads: China's Tang Dynasty (618-907) and China's Belt and Road Initiative* from the Daghlian Collection of Chinese Art, which is curated by Marleen Kassel (History).

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Stepanchev



Lisella

Poet and long-time **English Professor Stephen Stepanchev** (1915–2017) was named the first poet laureate of the borough of Queens; **Maria Lisella '79** was named poet laureate in 2015. Maria will be on campus this Wednesday, October 18, to give a [reading](#).



Lucille Kyvallos Court Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, October 14, Queens College held a dedication ceremony for legendary women's basketball coach Lucille Kyvallos (far right with President Matos Rodríguez), unveiling the Lucille Kyvallos Court. Kyvallos became the first woman in New York City to have a basketball court named in her honor.



QCRA to Honor Stephen Stepanchev on October 27

The Fall Luncheon Meeting of the Queens College Retirees Association will be held in the Student Union Faculty & Staff Club Room (Agora) on Friday, October 27. There will be a talk at 11 am by Nicholas Coch (SEES), "The Most Dangerous Country in the World." This will be followed by lunch. At 1 pm there will be a memorial for Stephen Stepanchev, at which his 1987 poem, "Words for Queens College," will be read. Both the talk and reading are free and open to the public. Pre-registration for the \$20 lunch is required. Contact David Speidel (david.speidel@qc.cuny.edu) if you are not a member of QCRA and would like to attend these events. [Click here](#) to find out more about the QCRA.

Spotlight On

Growing up, John Seley (Urban Studies) had often visited firehouses with his father, Dr. Gabriel Seley, a surgeon who later became Chief Medical Officer for the FDNY. Years later, returning home to New York after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and teaching for a while in Minnesota, he complained to his father that he'd never actually been on a fire engine.

"My father said, 'Come on,'" recalls Seley. "And he took me to his local firehouse, which was a block away on East 75th Street. He asked if I could ride with them and they said 'Sure. Come in tomorrow night.' They weren't going to refuse the chief medical officer," he confesses. [Read more.](#)



Heard Around Campus

Michael Krasner (Pol. Sci./Taft Institute) has been offering free classes to anyone who wants to learn how our government and political system work and how they can become effective, active citizens. The classes take



place on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm through November 16 at Forest Hills Community Library. Topics range from the basics of the influence of money in elections to how laws are actually made in Washington and Albany. Krasner worked with **Jack Zevin** (SEYS/Taft Institute) to plan the curriculum . . .

Eugenia Paulicelli (ELL) will receive two awards in the coming weeks. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz will be honoring her work on "Italian Americans in Cinema and Theatre" as part of the Borough of Queens Italian Heritage and Culture Month. The award will be given October 24 during a ceremony at Saint John's University. Paulicelli will also receive the 2017 Ambasciatore Award from the Italian American Museum. This award honors those who play a significant role reflecting the values and traditions that have established the Italian American community as a major part of American society. She will receive this award on November 12 at a ceremony at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY . . .

On November 15, **Ed Smaldone** (ACSM) will receive the Graduate Center's Service to CUNY Achievement Award. This award goes to those who have excelled in their chosen field and have made an impact on the CUNY system.



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