



CETLL's Fall 2026 Teaching & Learning Showcase

Career-Connected Pedagogy & Praxis



Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 3 pm - 5 pm
Muyskens Conference Room (The Summit)

Schedule of Events

TIME	ACTIVITY
3 pm	Sign-In
3:10 pm	Introduction Susan A. Davis, CETLL Director and Professor of Music Education
3:25 pm	Welcome Maria DeLongoria, Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs
	Faculty Panel
	Shemeka Brathwaite: Demystifying the World of Work: Cultivating Career Readiness Through Career-Connected Portfolios
3:30 pm	Karen Weingarten: Every Career is a Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Career
	Andrea Efthymiou: Career-Connected Learning and the Community Engaged Classroom
	Q+A
4:15 pm	Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards Recognition
	Small Group Discussions
4:25 pm	Career-Connected Portfolios Implementing Career Competencies in Syllabi/Assignments Experiential Learning, Internships, and Community Partners
4:50 pm	Closing Remarks
5 pm	Program Ends

Faculty Presenters



Shemeka Brathwaite

Adjunct Faculty Member for the Center for Career Engagement and Internships COOP Class

Dr. Shemeka Brathwaite is an interdisciplinary scholar-practitioner, TEDx speaker, and founder of Productive Presence™ with nearly 20 years of experience advancing student success and workforce development in higher education. She currently serves as the Associate Program Director of the NYC Men Teach program in the School of Education at Brooklyn College. Her teaching roles across CUNY include serving as an adjunct lecturer for *Orientation to the World of Work* in the Center for Career Engagement and Internships at Queens College and as an adjunct assistant professor in Brooklyn College's Africana Studies Department.

An active community advocate and civic leader, Dr. Brathwaite's extensive work with local and national non-profits directly shapes her engaged scholarship and classroom pedagogy. She integrates real-world activism and career-connected learning into her courses, guiding students to apply academic frameworks toward transformative social impact.

Dr. Brathwaite's research centers on sustainable leadership, university-community partnerships, and work-life-community integration. She holds an Ed.D. from the College of Staten Island, an M.S. from Fordham University, a B.S. from Syracuse University, a Harvard Certificate in Women in Education Leadership, and NYU life coaching credentials.

Faculty Presenters



Andrea Efthymiou

Writing Center Director and Associate Professor of English

Andrea Efthymiou is Writing Center Director and Associate Professor of English. In both her writing courses and in writing center administration, Andrea fosters students' engagement in collaborative writing and revision practices, with an awareness of the needs of students' local communities. Andrea's research explores writing tutor labor and staff education, as well as best practices for supporting undergraduate research. Her current scholarship includes a collaboratively edited collection on interfaith dialogue in writing centers and a study of the rhetoric of child adoption in the U.S.



Karen Weingarten

Director of Women and Gender Studies (WGS) and English Professor

Karen Weingarten is Director of Women and Gender Studies and a professor in the English Department. She is currently a CUNY Career-Connected Learning Fellow and is interested in how humanities and interdisciplinary degrees already prepare students for careers, but we could do a better job helping them see these connections.

Queens College Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards 2026 Recipients

President's Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity in the School of Arts and Humanities

Nicole Cooley, Professor | English Department and MFA Program in Creative Writing and Literary Translation

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the School of Arts and Humanities

Kirsten Beck, Assistant Professor | Classical, Middle Eastern, and Asian Languages and Cultures

President's Award for Excellence in Research & Creativity in the School of Education

Salvatore Garofalo, Assistant Professor of Science & Technology Education | Secondary Education and Youth Services

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the School of Education

Marissa S. Matta, Lecturer | Education and Community Programs

President's Award for Excellence in Research & Creativity in the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Marc-Antoine Longpré, Associate Professor | School of Earth and Environmental Sciences

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Patrick Moran, Lecturer/Professor | Family, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences

President's Award for Excellence in Research & Creativity in the School of Social Sciences

Elissa Bemporad, Professor | History

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the School of Business

Jeffrey Satenstein, Lecturer | Accounting and Information Systems

President's Excellence in Faculty Service & DEI Award

Jian Xiao, Associate Professor | Accounting and Information Systems

President's Excellence in Staff Service & DEI Award

Rajiv Singh, Project ExCEL BMI Director, Academic Advising Center Advisor, & SEEK English Instructor

President's Excellence in Service Award

Anna Rossini, Administrative Assistant | Office of Alumni Relations

Resources

- [Pedagogical Approaches to Career-Connected Learning Seminar Teaching Resources](#)
- [Queens College Center for Career Engagement and Internships](#)
- [NACE Career Readiness Competencies](#)
- [Career Maps](#)
- [Queens College Experiential Education](#)
- [CUNY Beyond](#)