



Discimus ut serviamus: **We learn so that we may serve.**

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What's News



QC Mellon Mays alums (from left): Kimberly Juanita Brown '00; Ferentz Lafargue '98; Sean Forbes '03; O. Hugo Benavides '91

Mellon Mays: Making a Difference in Academe

Sean Forbes '03 wasn't sure if a career in academia was in his future. But in the spring of 2001 when an English professor nominated him to apply for a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF), a path forward began to appear. Forbes, who received his PhD from the University of Connecticut in 2011, recalls that "At the time I was unsure if I wanted a career in academia since I had changed my major three times. As a Mellon fellow, I became immersed in academic discourse during a four-week-long summer program and commiserated with the three other fellows in my cohort. Over the course of my two years as a fellow, I was introduced to the works and core concepts of Paulo Freire, C. L. R. James, Audre Lorde, and Anne McClintock to name a few. I found support, guidance, and purpose." [Read more.](#)

Queens College's Relief Effort



College's Relief Effort Continues

Queens College is now accepting monetary donations to aid those who are recovering from recent natural disasters. Donations can be made at the Corner Pocket (game room) in the Dining Hall, Monday–Thursday, 8 am to 8 pm; Friday, 10 am–6 pm. If you would like to donate by check, please make it out to the CUNY Research Foundation and in the memo area, write: Disaster Relief Fund-- Account Number: 78511-00-15. For updated information on our efforts, [click](#)

here.



To Be Seen and Heard on Campus: Speakers with Disabilities

Disability awareness on the QC campus isn't limited to the month of October, as two events on November 1 demonstrate. From noon to 2 pm in the Student Union Ballroom, former U.S. Marine Dan Miller will talk about coping with wounds both visible and unseen. Miller served five years of active duty, deployed in Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, followed by 24 years in the reserves. He also worked as a police officer for

21 years. In retirement, he was diagnosed with traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. Admission to Miller's presentation, which is sponsored by QC's Veterans Support Services and the Wounded Warrior Project, is free; [click here](#) to reserve your seat.

At 7 pm on the same date, D.J. Demers, aka "The Hearing Aid Guy," will bring his Hear to Here Comedy Tour to the Agora Room on the first floor of the Student Union, courtesy of the Committee for Disabled Students. An award-winning comic, Demers won national attention as a finalist in NBC's "Stand-Up for Diversity" contest in 2011. Appropriately, an ASL interpreter will sign at this performance. Admission is free; RSVP to john.andrejack@qc.cuny.edu.



Freedom Walk Rescheduled for November 8

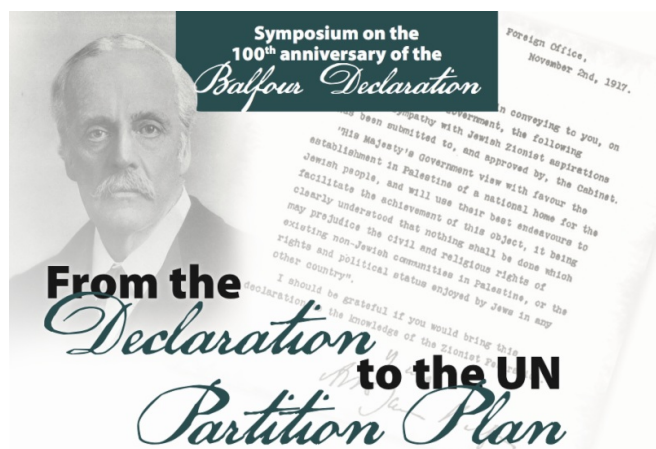
On Wednesday, November 8, Queens College will launch a tradition that celebrates our nation's freedoms and helps us reflect on the college's motto, "We learn so that we may serve." Alumni, faculty, students, staff, and friends will walk around a section of the Quad decorated with flags—available by advance purchase—bearing the names of members of the military, police officers, firefighters, civil rights advocates, and any individual who has served humanity. If you wish to participate, be at the flagpole on the Quad at 12:15 pm. And to honor someone special to you with a flag, [click here](#).

Rosenthal Library's Open Access Events Open to All

International Open Access Week, now in its tenth year, has broad-based goals, such as increasing access to knowledge, promoting collaboration among colleagues, and making it easier for faculty to highlight their research. Toward these ends, QC is sponsoring two workshops this week. On Wednesday, October 25, from 4 to 6 pm, Ann Fiddler, open education librarian at CUNY, and Jean Amaral, outreach librarian at BMCC, will present *Using Open Educational Resources at CUNY*. A second session, *Boost Your Scholarly Profile!*, will take place the following day, from 12:15 to 3 pm. Refreshments will be served at both events, which will be held in Rosenthal 300i. [Read more.](#)

Balfour Declaration Symposium

A *Symposium on the 100th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration* will be held at the CUNY Graduate Center at 365 Fifth Avenue on Tuesday, October 31, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The symposium is being co-sponsored by QC's Center for Jewish Studies. Among the participants is Elissa Bemporad (History), who will moderate the opening session. For more information, [click here.](#)



Lecture on Palestinian and Israeli Public Opinions on Peace

Faculty are invited to a lecture and dialogue on "What Are They Thinking? Palestinian and Israeli Public Opinions on Peace," taking place at noon on Wednesday, November 1 in the President's Conference Room in Rosenthal Library. Khalil Shikaki (Brandeis University and Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research) and Tamar S. Hermann (Open University and Guttman Center for Surveys) will discuss their research concerning trends in public opinion over the past decade regarding various scenarios related to peace, such as the two-state and one-state solutions, as well as alternate formulations. They will also share some of the drivers of attitudes and attitudinal change among people in Israel and Palestine. To RSVP (lunch will be served), [click here.](#) The event is co-sponsored by the Sociology and Urban Studies Departments and CERRU.



STEM Education Fair

Queens College was well represented at the October 17 STEM Education Fair for middle and high school students by Bibi Amin (Admissions) and Jaclyn Eng (College Now). Students at the fair had the opportunity to meet representatives from schools and science programs to learn more about education and careers in the STEM fields. Congressman Joseph Crowley--a 1986 QC graduate--hosted the event, which took place at the New York Hall of Science.

Wow! #59



While studying at QC to be a teacher, **Carole King** met her future husband and songwriting partner **Gerry Goffin** on campus. (John Lennon said in 1963 that he wanted Paul McCartney and himself to become “the Goffin-King of England.”) Carole received the Library of Congress’ Gershwin Award for Popular Music in 2012.

Building Futures



From left to right: Kecia Cruz, CS Department staff; Ying Zhou, director of Tech Incubator; Firangis Khalimzade, CS student, CUNY Hackathon second team winner; Zifang Huang, CS student, first place team winner of Governor's Coding Challenge; Zhigang Xiang, CS Department chair

Ying Zhou: Making Connections for Tech Entrepreneurs

When Ying Zhou was 15 years old, employed full-time as a lathe operator in a Sichuan factory, she couldn't have imagined her future. “My education was very spotty after third grade,” says Zhou, director of outreach and internship coordinator for the college’s Tech Incubator. Although her parents were both scientists, Chairman Mao’s Cultural Revolution had overturned the usual social

expectations. And so Zhou found herself figuratively yoked to a heavy machine. What made her future possible was a surprise decision by Chinese universities to recruit selected peasants and workers. Zhou, then 17, was admitted to college as an English major, graduating in less than three years. Afterward she found employment in a science library and as an interpreter for many organizations. Five years later, an opportunity to study Western-style accounting opened up, and Zhou moved ahead to earn an economics degree with a major in accounting in 1984. [Read more.](#)

That's Entertainment

ACSM Faculty Acting in Concert

Aaron Copland School faculty will present special performances this month and next. Professor Emeritus Joel Mandelbaum will lead vocal soloists and a full orchestra in excerpts from his opera, *The Dybbuk*, in LeFrak Concert Hall on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:30 pm. Can't make that date? A reprise will take place on Thursday, October 26, at 8 pm in Merkin Hall in Manhattan. Mandelbaum's work is based on the classic Yiddish play of the same name. On Saturday, November 11, eight ACSM faculty members and guest artists will celebrate QC's 80th anniversary in the best possible way: They will pool their talents in a program that includes pieces by Copland School composers. [Read more.](#)

Drama, Theatre & Dance Presents *An Octoroon*

An Octoroon is a meta-theatrical melodrama of epic proportions. It's 1859, and Louisiana plantation Terrebonne is on the brink of bankruptcy. Her apparent George Peyton arrives and falls in love with Zoe, who is one-eighth black. But the villainous overseer M'Closky will stop at nothing to keep Terrebonne and Zoe for himself. Playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' radical and funny adaptation of a 19th-century melodrama takes a searing look at race in America today. Performances from October 26 to November 5. [Click here](#) for tickets and more information.



A Frightfully Good Time

This week and next, the Student Association is presenting Spook-a-Thon 2017. Events include a film screening and a trip to a theme park. [Click here](#) for details.



Heard Around Campus



Zavi Gunn is the new director of QC's Center for Career Engagement and Internships (formerly known as the Office of Career Development and Internships). Prior to joining Queens College, Zavi worked at Brooklyn College as associate director of career development and at Kingsborough Community College as a career counselor . . . Stefan Savage, the son of **Dean Savage** (Sociology), received a MacArthur "Genius" Award for his work on fighting cybercrime. One of Stefan's first jobs was helping the college's

sociology graduate students with their data analysis assignments in the computer lab back in the late 1980s. To read more about Stefan and his work, [click here](#) . . . On October 23 **Rachel Wu** (Urban Studies) Department lectured on the gentrification of Flushing at the Queens Historical Society in Flushing.

Building Futures: QC Facts to count on and brag about.



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