

# The Difference You Make

Awards and Recognition Ceremony

May 2, 2023



Stony Brook University  
*College of Arts and Sciences*





# Program

## **Welcome**

Nicole S. Sampson  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry

## **Presentation of Honorees**

Faculty and Staff Retirees

Godfrey Excellence in Teaching Awards

John S. Toll Endowed Award for Teaching Excellence

Staff Excellence Awards

Dean's Student Advisory Council

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Grads

Closing Remarks







# **FACULTY AND STAFF RETIREES**

Celebrating the accomplishments and distinction of those who have been a part of our College.

We appreciate your contributions to our vibrant community.





**David Hicks**  
**Department of Anthropology**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, University of London**

David Hicks's research involves the study of ritual, belief, oral literature, and kinship. Regionally, his work focused on East Timor, Indonesia, and, more generally, Southeast Asia. David previously has written five books: *Tetum Ghosts and Kin*, *Structural Analysis in Anthropology*, *A Maternal Religion*, *Kinship and Religion in Eastern Indonesia*, and (with Margaret A. Gwynne) *Cultural Anthropology*. In 2021, his research into the structure and motifs occurring in the oral literature of East Timorese societies resulted in his sixth book, *Narrative, Gender, and Precedence in East Timor*. David's current investigations are into the sociological nature of witchcraft both historically and comparatively.



**Howardena Pindell**  
**Department of Art**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**MFA, Yale University's School of Art & Architecture**

Howardena Pindell joined SBU in 1979. She previously worked at the Museum of Modern Art in various roles. Howardena was a visiting professor at Yale University's School of Art, and has received numerous grants and awards including the Guggenheim Fellowship, two NEA grants, a Joan Mitchell Grant, a Studio Museum in Harlem Artist Award, and Most Distinguished Body of Work Award from the College Art Association. Throughout her career, Howardena has exhibited extensively, and her first major one-person exhibition in Europe, *Howardena Pindell: A New Language*, opened at the Fruitmarket, Edinburgh, in 2021, and traveled to Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, in 2022. She has Honorary Doctorates from the Massachusetts College of Art and Parsons School of Design.



**Trevor Sears**  
**Department of Chemistry**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, Southampton University**

Trevor Sears joined Brookhaven Lab as an associate chemist in 1983 and was promoted to senior chemist in 1996. In 2001, he joined SBU and began a joint appointment in the Department of Chemistry in 2007. Since then, he has been a member and Chair of the Arts & Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee, President of the Arts & Sciences Senate, Associate Chair of the Department of Chemistry, and has served on several committees within the Department. Trevor has served as a visiting Scholar and Professor in Tokyo, London and France. He has been a fellow of the Optical Society of America since 2007 and a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Molecular Spectroscopy* since 2015.



**Jessica Gurevitch**  
**Department of Ecology and Evolution**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**PhD, University of Arizona**

Jessica Gurevitch's research has spanned a range of areas within the field of ecology and across disciplines. She was instrumental in introducing meta-analysis and more broadly scientific research synthesis to the fields of ecology and related disciplines. Jessica has received numerous honors, including being named as a Fellow of AAAS and the Ecological Society of America. She has worked on areas including the landscape demography of pitch pines (*Pinus rigida*) in the Long Island pine barrens, and biological invasions on LI, in the Adirondack mountains, and more globally. Jessica co-authored the major textbook in her field, *The Ecology of Plants*, and co-edited several others. She served as chair of Ecology and Evolution from 2006-2012, and co-chair from 2021-22.



**Kenneth Lindblom**  
**Department of English**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, Syracuse University**

Ken Lindblom has been an English teacher since 1988, when he taught high school in upstate NY. He has co-authored five books and dozens of articles, and from 2008-2013, served as editor of *English Journal*, the nation's oldest and most widely-read journal for secondary English teachers (and those who love them). Ken served as Associate Dean and then Dean in the School of Professional Development, as well as a member of the UUP Statewide Executive Board and in various roles in the University Senate, most recently as President of the A&S Senate. He has won eight awards for his teaching, and was named a 2012 Educator of Excellence by the New York State English Council.



**Patricia Dunn**  
**Department of English**  
**Professor**  
**Doctor of Arts in English, University at Albany**

Patricia A. Dunn's areas of teaching and research are composition and rhetoric, English education, and disability studies. In 2013, she won the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Patricia has published five books, two of which focused on composition theory and the teaching of writing. Her latest book, *Drawing Conclusions: Using Visual Thinking to Understand Complex Concepts in the Classroom* (2021), shows how student-drawn, juxtaposed visual representations can help students better understand and process challenging concepts. Patricia has served as Graduate Program Director, the Executive Committee for the National Council of Teachers of English; and editorial board member of the *Disability Studies Quarterly*; *Teaching/Writing: The Journal of Writing Teacher Education*; and *Excelsior*.



**Peter Manning**  
**Department of English**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, Yale University**

Peter Manning received a BA from Harvard and an MA and PhD in English Language and Literature from Yale University. Before coming to Stony Brook, Peter taught in California for several decades - first at Berkeley and then at the University of Southern California.



**Scott McLennan**  
**Department of Geosciences**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**PhD, Australian National University**

Scott McLennan's research interests center on the chemical composition of planetary crusts and the sedimentary records of Earth and Mars. In 1998, his research attention turned to the chemistry of the Martian surface using data collected by missions to Mars and in laboratory experiments. He has served on the science teams for six missions to Mars, including the Spirit and Opportunity rovers (2002-2019), Mars Odyssey orbital mission (2005-2009), Curiosity rover mission (2011-present), InSight geophysical lander (2018-2023) and the currently active Mars2020 Perseverance rover sample caching mission. Scott has received the NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award, SUNY Chancellor's and Stony Brook President's Awards, the Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award, and several NASA Awards. He is a Fellow of the Geochemical Society and of the American Geophysical Union.



**Susan Grumet**  
**Department of History**  
**Senior Staff Assistant**

Susan Grumet started at Stony Brook in 1996. Over the years she has been at the center of our community in the Department of History. Her assistance to several chairs and her work with countless of our undergraduate students has been invaluable. There was never a dull moment with Susan in the office. We wish her happy times and all the best in her retirement.





**Birgit Grosse-Middeldorf Viola**  
**Department of Languages & Cultural Studies**  
**Lecturer**

Since 1995, Birgit Grosse-Middeldorf Viola has been a full time lecturer at SBU. From 1993-1997, she was the Director of the SUNY Test Center for "Prüfung Wirtschaftsdeutsch International." From 1991-1993, Birgit was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Hofstra University and from 1983-1990, was a Teaching Assistant in German at Stony Brook. Birgit was also a Testing Chairperson of the L.I. Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.



**David Ebin**  
**Department of Mathematics**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

David Ebin's research deals with differential geometry, infinite-dimensional manifolds (in hydrodynamics and in his treatment of the space of Riemannian metrics), nonlinear partial differential equations, mathematical hydrodynamics (including slightly compressible fluids), and elastodynamics. Prior to joining SBU in 1969, he served as a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley. Over his career, David was a visiting professor at UCLA, a docent at the École Polytechnique and the University of Paris VII, and member of the Courant Institute in NY. He was elected a Fellow of the American Mathematical Society in 2012. At SBU, David has served as Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of Graduate Studies, and chair of the Department of Mathematics.



**Frank Morelli**  
**Department of Music**  
**Artist-in-Residence**  
**DMA, Juilliard School of Music**

Frank Morelli, the first bassoonist awarded a Juilliard doctorate, has been a Carnegie Hall soloist nine times. He performed at the White House State Dinner for former Pres. Clinton, is co-principal bassoon, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and former principal, NYC Opera. He has served on the faculty at Juilliard, Yale School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, and Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College. A prolific chamber musician, Frank has 185+ recordings, has appeared at the most prestigious festivals worldwide, and is a member of Windscape, quintet in residence at MSM. He compiled the landmark excerpt book, *Stravinsky: Difficult Passages for Bassoon*, and his unprecedented edition of the First Complete Weissenborn Method and Studies Op. 8, vols. 1 & 2, set a new standard.



**Ray Anderson**  
**Department of Music**  
**Professor**  
**University of Chicago Lab School**

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**Ed Casey**  
**Department of Philosophy**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**PhD, Northwestern University**

Edward Casey works in aesthetics, philosophy of space and time, ethics, perception, and psychoanalytic theory. He has taught at Yale, University of California at Santa Barbara, The New School for Social Research, Emory University, and several other institutions. Edward's published books include *Imagining: A Phenomenological Study (Studies in Continental Thought)* among many others. A newer direction of research is visual perception, with an emphasis on the unsuspected power and subtlety of the glance. Overall, Edward's philosophical work is broadly descriptive and attempts to bear out the nuances of basic phenomena and peri-phenomena of human experience that have been neglected in earlier philosophical accounts. He served as chair of the Department of Philosophy from 1991-2001.



**Jeffrey Slechta**  
**Department of Physics and Astronomy**  
**Senior Lab Equipment Design**

Jeff Slechta retired in August 2022 after 40+ years of service. The Department reflected upon Jeff's invaluable and creative contributions to the faculty research projects that led to major discoveries and scientific advances. Prof. Litvinenko stated, "thank you for all the unique high-tech equipment you built for our Coherent electron Cooling experiment at RHIC, including an elegant photo-cathode transfer system for world's best superconducting electron gun." Jeff was a uniquely talented and creative machinist who served the Department with dedication. We are thankful for his outstanding service and wish him continued health and happiness as he enjoys spending time with family and friends.



**Robert McCarthy**  
**Department of Physics and Astronomy**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, University of California, Berkeley**

Robert McCarthy received his BA in Physics from Harvard and his PhD in Physics from U.C. Berkeley. His field is high energy physics. Robert designed and constructed the first wide-aperture ring-imaging Cherenkov counter to publish physics results. Over the course of his career, Robert served as an Enrico Fermi Fellow, University of Chicago; a Henry Russell Shaw Traveling Fellow In Physics, Harvard University, and a Visiting Scientist, CERN. He has also served as director of both undergraduate and graduate studies in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.



**Michael Gurvitch**  
**Department of Physics and Astronomy**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, Stony Brook University**

Michael Gurvitch started his career at Bell Laboratories where he was involved in research in superconductivity and physics of metals and, together with colleagues, developed a method for producing refractory Nb-Al-Nb Josephson junctions (the trilayer method), which is still being used in all low-temperature superconducting circuits throughout the world. He joined SBU in 1990, and served as Director of the Institute for Interface Phenomena, Stony Brook until 1994. He is also affiliated with New York State Center for Advanced Sensor Technology, SUNY. He has authored or coauthored more than 100 scientific papers. He holds five U.S. patents.



**Michael Rijssenbeek**  
**Department of Physics and Astronomy**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, University of Amsterdam**

Michael Rijssenbeek joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 1985. He was previously a Fellow at CERN, Switzerland, and later, a staff member. Michael was a Visiting Scientist at CERN, Geneva and LAPP, Annecy, France, and a Scientific Associate at CERN, Switzerland from 2015-2017. Since 2015, Michael has served as the ATLAS Forward Proton project leader; responsible for low-jitter clock distribution system for Time-of-Flight detector synchronization. This activity is synergistic with his work on the clock system for the ATLAS High-Granularity Timing Detector. He also serves as co-convener LHC Technical Working Group on Forward Physics and Diffraction; is a member/chair of several DØ Editorial Boards and ATLAS EBs. Michael has written several significant publications related to building detectors.



**Warren Siegel**  
**C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics**  
**Professor Emeritus**  
**PhD, University of Berkeley**

Warren Siegel's research focuses on high energy theoretical physics. His main interest is confinement, the least understood ingredient of the Standard Model - the key to understanding the strong interactions. It might even be the key to understanding quantum gravity. Warren spent a considerable portion of the late 1990s writing *Fields*, the first free comprehensive textbook on quantum (and classical) field theory and has released four editions of the publication. Its approach to field theory is pragmatic, rather than traditional or artistic: It includes practical techniques, such as the  $1/N$  expansion (color ordering) and spacecone (spinor helicity), and diverse topics, such as supersymmetry and general relativity, as well as introductions to supergravity and strings. Warren has more than 200 publications.



**Stanley Feldman**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**PhD, University of Minnesota**

Stanley Feldman has been a professor of Political Science for the past 30 years. He was the associate director for the SBU Center for Survey Research from 2000-2015. Stanley was a co-editor of the journal *Political Psychology* from 2005 to 2010 and is a past president of the International Society for Political Psychology. His current research focuses on political ideology and political psychology.



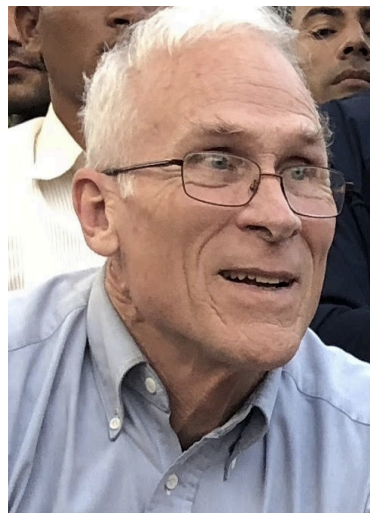
**Peter Salins**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**University Professor**  
**PhD, Syracuse University**

Peter Salins joined Political Science in 2006, teaching the Department's MA in Public Policy program, for which he served as director from 2007 to 2017. From 1997 to 2006, he was Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of the SUNY System. Previously, Peter spent 28 years as professor and administrator in Hunter College's Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. He is a nationally recognized scholar of urban planning and public policy, and is the author and editor of six books. Peter has published widely in periodicals and scholarly journals and has written numerous opinion pieces. He is a Director of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York and a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



**Helmut Norpoth**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, University of Michigan**

Helmut Norpoth is co-author of *The American Voter Revisited*, covering the images of presidential candidates, party identification, and why Americans turn out to vote. He has also written a book about public reactions to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, especially her economic and foreign policies. Norpoth has designed models to forecast elections in the U.S., Britain, and Germany. His Primary Model correctly predicted Obama's re-election in 2012 and correctly predicted that Donald Trump would be the next President of the United States in 2016.



**Eugene Hammond**  
**Program in Writing and Rhetoric**  
**Professor**  
**PhD, Yale University**

Gene Hammond has several decades of experience in higher education, specializing in 18th-century literature and in academic writing. His contribution to the American university system has been the development and administration of academic programs, advancing the university's core mission of undergraduate education through the general education curriculum. He has also been a world traveler, collaborator, and promoter of higher education. Gene has taught in Djibouti, South Korea, Nepal, Russia, Bangladesh, and on a university ship that goes around the world every semester ("Semester at Sea"). He is the author of a writing textbook, *Thoughtful Writing*, that has been in print since 1979, and of the now standard biography of Jonathan Swift, author of *Gulliver's Travels*.



**Arthur Samuel**  
**Department of Psychology**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**PhD, University of California, San Diego**

Arthur Samuel's work is primarily concerned with how humans process incoming information, involving its perception, comprehension, and encoding into memory. Most of the work in his lab focuses on the perception of spoken language: How do humans decode the complex acoustic signal, and recognize spoken words?



**Amy Sullivan**  
**Department of Theater Arts**  
**Associate Professor**  
**MFA, University of North Carolina**

Amy Yopp Sullivan teaches, choreographs, directs, and develops creative environments and structures that serve as territories for collaborative experimentation. She is the founder and creator of the Center for Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning. Amy's education and training includes a BS and MFA in Choreography and Performance from UNC, Greensboro, an MEd (Theology/Religious Education) from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and a Certification as a Laban/Bartenieff Movement Analyst from the Integrated Movement Studies program, University of Utah. She is grateful for the teachers, colleagues and students with whom she has worked throughout her career.

# GODFREY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

These awards were named in honor of our colleague, the late Aaron (Bill) Godfrey, who impacted the lives of so many students. Recipients are nominated and selected by students based on their excellence in classroom teaching as well as their dedication to student mentorship.



**John True**  
**Department of Ecology and Evolution**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**PhD, Duke University**

John True grew up in Western NY and got his BS in Biology at the University of Rochester, where he discovered his love of fruit fly genetics. He arrived at SBU in 2001 after post-doctoral research at the University of Wisconsin. John continues to study evolutionary genetics using the fruit fly model. Collaboratively with his colleagues in the Department of Ecology and Evolution, he has been working on the development of hybrid ("flipped") courses with asynchronous online lectures and in-person activities in which students work together in small groups to solve biological problems. Facilitation of group active learning by Undergraduate Teaching Assistants is a crucial component of this course design and John enjoys working with a large group of talented undergraduates each semester.



**Jesús Pérez Ríos**  
**Department of Physics and Astronomy**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**PhD, Universidad Complutense de Madrid**

Jesús Pérez Ríos was born and educated in Spain. After a postdoc period in different world-recognized institutions, he joined the Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society as a group leader in the Department of Molecular Physics (2019). Jesús joined Stony Brook University in early 2022. He authored a book, *An Introduction to Cold and Ultracold Chemistry: Atoms, Molecules, Ions and Rydbergs*, published by Springer in 2020. Jesús is an editorial board member of the *Few-Body Systems* journal and one of the leading editors of *Cambridge Elements on Physics Beyond the Standard with Atomic and Molecular Systems*.



**Andreas Koenig**  
**Department of Anthropology**  
**Professor and Chair**  
**PhD, Georg August University**

Andreas Koenig is a biologist and biological anthropologist who is studying the evolution of social behavior – for example, why some societies are peaceful and others aggressive – and questions relating to sexual selection, life history evolution, and data accuracy. He conducted fieldwork on primates in Laos, Nepal, and Thailand. In his teaching, Andreas is passionate about introducing students to the evolutionary study of humans and nonhuman primates aiming at a better understanding of our species in its cultural, behavioral, and biological development through time. In his favorite class (ANP220 Controversies in Human Biology and Behavior), he explores the previous and ongoing debates in Biological Anthropology and their societal implications.



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**Heidi Hutner**  
**Departments of English and Women's,  
Gender, and Sexuality Studies**  
**Associate Professor**  
**PhD, University of Washington**

Heidi Hutner is a scholar, writer, filmmaker, and teacher of ecofeminism, environmental justice, environmental humanities, nuclear studies, literature, and film. She is the winner of Sierra Club Long Island's 2015 award. Heidi chaired the Sustainability Studies Program for six years and was Associate Dean in SoMAS. She publishes widely as a writer and journalist on nuclear, environmental, environmental justice, and gender issues. Heidi regularly gives public and keynote talks at universities and conferences on environmental studies and ecofeminism. As director, writer, and producer, she just completed the 75-minute documentary film, *RADIOACTIVE: The Women of Three Mile Island*. Heidi recently appeared on the NBC News Think episode, "Clean Water is a Human Right" and gave the popular Tedx: "Eco-Grief and Ecofeminism." She produces the web video show, *Coffee with Hx2*, in which she interviews experts on sustainability and environmental issues..

# JOHN S. TOLL ENDOWED AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

This award is presented to a faculty member based on their exceptional teaching and passion for their field of study, as well as for the mentorship of students. Recipients are selected by the Dean's Student Advisory Council among current and previous years' recipients of the Godfrey Excellence in Teaching Awards.

## **Nancy Hiemstra**

**Department of Women's, Gender and  
Sexuality Studies**

**Affiliate Faculty, Departments of  
Sociology and Hispanic Languages  
and Literature**

**Associate Professor**

**PhD, Syracuse University**

Trained as a political and cultural geographer, Nancy Hiemstra's research is in border and migration studies, focusing on border enforcement practices, detention and deportation, homeland security policies, and Latin American migration. She is Co-Editor of the journal *Geopolitics*, past Chair of the American Association of Geographers' Feminist Geographies Specialty Group, and a member of the Scholars Strategy Network. As WGSS's Undergraduate Program Director, Nancy enjoys advising and mentoring students with many interests. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses spanning a range of levels and subject matter, from introducing women's and gender studies to non-majors, to upper-level courses on immigration and identity, to capstone research seminars for majors and minors. Nancy's teaching takes an interdisciplinary approach, and pushes students to connect course topics to the world around them as well as critically consider genealogies and implications of different ideas.



# A SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF: JOSEPHINE FUSCO

For her Commitment and Dedication to the College of Arts and Sciences



## Josephine Fusco Center for Italian Studies

Jo Fusco has been volunteering with the Center for Italian Studies since its early days in 1985. For years, Jo worked with the late Mario B. Mignone to preserve the Center's core values.

Throughout her many years at Stony Brook University, Jo has built strong relationships with her peers. She supports students in their academic journeys and believes in the power of education. To that end, the Center for Italian Studies established the "Josephine Fusco Endowed Fellowship" to assist graduate students in Italian and/or Italian American Studies.

In her current role as affiliate of the Center, Jo continues to provide exceptional service and support to faculty, staff, students, and the entire SBU community.

Thank you, Jo, for your tireless dedication!

# STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Our staff are an integral part of the College, providing expert support to our departments and centers, support to our students, and furthering our creative and scholarly missions. These individuals are recognized for the excellence demonstrated at their positions and the lengths they go to in order to support their departments.



**Michael Boerner**  
Department of Political Science  
Business Administrator

*"Michael Boerner is absolutely amazing not only at his job, but in general. He consistently goes above and beyond the job description and keeps the Department of Political Science going. Michael ensures that people can achieve their goals, and constantly works with all Department members to see what is the best way to accomplish various tasks. It is impossible to overstate how extraordinary Michael is. Without exception, he carries out his duties in a remarkably dependable, thoughtful, far-sighted, and magnanimous manner. Michael has improved every aspect of the Department's business processes and administration. In all my interactions with Michael, I found him to be highly professional, collegial, and efficient. He truly provides a model of effectiveness in department management."*



**Victoria Grove**  
Department of Physics and Astronomy  
Grants Manager

*"Vicki is fantastic! Administrators like her are very rare to find, and we are so lucky to have her in the main office of the Physics and Astronomy Department. I have known Vicki for several years, and can remember countless instances where she has been supportive, helpful, and extremely efficient. Vicki consistently ensures that every aspect of the grant process is completed with precision and on time. Her meticulous attention to detail and deep understanding of grant requirements have been invaluable. Vicki is very sharp and working with her makes me feel that I am in good hands."*



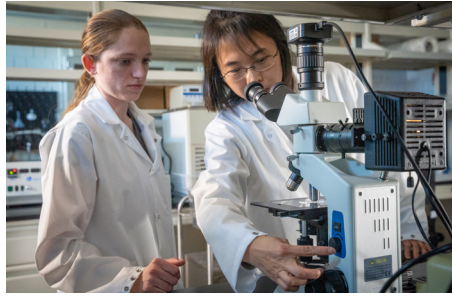
**Katherine Hughes**  
**Department of Chemistry**  
**Student Affairs Coordinator**

*"Katherine will help students in any issue they encounter whether related to academics or not, to the point where students often referred to her as the "Guardian Angel of Graduate Students." Every graduate student has a personal relationship with her. They know that she is looking out for them. It is clear that Katherine has an incredible work ethic, is extremely dedicated to SBU, and that she takes great personal pride in helping our students be successful scholars and productive researchers. She really sees herself as part of a team working towards the overall success of the Department. Katherine's willingness to 'go the extra distance' is also exemplified by her interactions with other staff and faculty."*

# A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022-23!



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# DEAN'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Congratulations to our May 2023 graduates!



**Jonnathan Armijos**  
Biochemistry



**Aliyah Blackman**  
Psychology



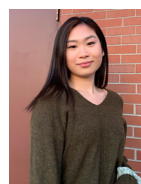
**Kimberly Ferrufino**  
Biology and  
Psychology



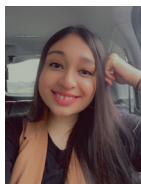
**Dominick Fiumano**  
Psychology



**Hersh Ved**  
Psychology



**Xiner Jiang**  
Biochemistry



**Saira Naqvi**  
Biochemistry



**Chelsea Rahiman**  
Biology



**Shivani Samlal**  
History

**Miranda Argyos**, English and Psychology

**Ujala Dar**, Globalization Studies and International Relations

**Jessica Gibson**, Human Evolutionary Biology

**Ali Harb**, Biology

**Sarah Hassan**, Economics and Applied Math/Statistics

**Katie Hsu**, Psychology

**Swaneet Jha**, Biology

**Gianna Montante**, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

**Simran Multani**, Chemistry

**Salowa Siddique**, Chemistry

**Dominic Stanz**, Biology and Economics



# INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY & ACCESS (IDEA) GRADS, 2022-23



**Mario Fernando Henao Leon**  
Hispanic Languages  
and Literature



**Willie Mack**  
History



**María Medín-Doce**  
Hispanic Languages  
and Literature



**Jade Kai**  
Women's, Gender,  
and Sexuality Studies



**Ali Pharaa**  
Philosophy



**Daisy Zavala**  
Psychology



**José Manuel Baeza-Zúñiga**  
History

**Congratulations from the  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Office of the Dean**

**Nicole S. Sampson**  
Dean

**Menaza Townsend**  
Assistant to the Dean

**Surita Bhatia**  
Associate Dean for Innovation,  
Diversity, Equity, and Access

**Mary Jo Bona**  
Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

**Bonita London**  
Associate Dean for Research

**Maria Nagan**  
Associate Dean for Curriculum

**Roger Thompson**  
Associate Dean for  
Operations and Facilities

**Lois Carter**  
Assistant Dean for Faculty  
Affairs and Personnel

**Erica Hackley**  
Assistant Dean for  
Academic Planning

**Ming Huang**  
Assistant Dean for Budget

**Edward McFadden**  
Assistant Dean for Operations

**Rachel Rodriguez**  
Director of Communications

**Danielle Belmonte**  
Communications Coordinator

**Paula Di Pasquale-Alvarez**  
Director of Curriculum

**Soraya Zabihi**  
Director of Research  
and Assessment

**Mandi Sabanos**  
Assistant Vice President of  
Development

**Michael D'Ambrosio**  
Director of Development

**Christopher J. Scarpati**  
Director of Development

**Lauren Donovan**  
Academic Centers and Institutes  
Hub Administrator

**Jeremy Marchese**  
Humanities Business Manager

**Danielle Papaspyrou**  
Senior Administrator for Faculty  
Affairs and Personnel

**Lauren Matthias**  
Staff Assistant for Faculty Affairs  
and Personnel

**Tracey Braile**  
Senior Staff Assistant for Budget

**Carol Davies**  
Senior Staff Assistant for Budget

**Laura Stevenson**  
Administrative Assistant

**Andrew Rimby**  
Communications Graduate  
Assistant





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