

# FACULTY VOICE



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The Faculty Delegate Assembly is pleased to introduce a new series of the *Faculty Voice*, a publication dedicated to news about and for the faculty at Hunter College.

## FDA Executive Committee and Staff, 2024-25

We are also pleased to introduce the Executive Committee of the FDA for 2024-25 to those faculty who may not have recently attended an FDA Plenary. Members of the committee are as follows:

Omar Dahbour (Philosophy), President  
Peter Dudek (Art), Vice President  
Lisa Finder (Library)  
Bo Gao (Physics)  
Elke Nicolai (German)  
Debbie Sonu (Education: Curriculum and Teaching)  
Michi Soyer (Sociology)

In addition, our college assistants, who will help with room reservations (for the FDA Lounge or Solarium) and other matters, are Michelle Krissnanand and Karen Reyes. Please stop by and introduce yourselves to them and Executive Committee members at the FDA office, Room 1414, Hunter East, or call or write us at (212) 772-4123 or [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu).

## Faculty/Staff Lounge Reopens Full-Time

The FDA-administered Lounge on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the West Building has resumed full-time service, after a pandemic-inspired pause. It is open to all faculty and staff Monday-Friday, 2:30-4:30 p.m., and includes a tea and coffee service on those days. We hope to provide current issues of the Chronicle of Higher Education, and perhaps other publications, starting in Spring 2025, for your reading pleasure. Please note that the Lounge may occasionally be closed during these hours for special events; we apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

## Faculty Dining Room to Reopen in 2025!

The Faculty Dining Room, a much-missed facility that is also located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the West Building, will reopen sometime in calendar year 2025. Look for an announcement in the spring semester as to exactly when this will take place. The FDA has taken on this reopening as a top priority, and the Hunter College administration has committed to doing

the same. A contract has been signed with a vendor to provide lunch-time service for faculty and staff, Monday-Friday during the academic semesters. Thanks to Provost Manoj Pardasani and Vice President Livia Cangemi for their hard work on this.

### Fall 2024 FDA Plenaries Provide Forum for New President, Faculty Concerns, and Campus Changes

FDA Plenaries were held this Fall 2024 on September 18, October 16, & November 20. On Sept. 18, the faculty was apprised of plans for intra-college moves, construction, and temporary facilities during the transformation of the Brookdale campus by Associate Dean Chris Braun. In Oct., President Nancy Cantor gave her 1<sup>st</sup> address to the General Faculty at the College. Finally, in Nov., there was an informational session on the PSC-CUNY negotiations for a new contract, with Jennifer Gaboury, head of the Hunter College chapter. In addition, there were also presentations on Brightspace, construction in the library, & sustainability initiatives at the College.

### FDA Website

The FDA website has been updated. Announcements and information about plenaries, annual dues, and room reservations can be found here, as well as an archive of meeting minutes and faculty resources: <https://www.hunter.cuny.edu/fda>.

### First FDA Social

The 1<sup>st</sup> Social for faculty, especially FDA Delegates, was held on November 12, with wine, beer, & plentiful snacks. Look for the announcement of another Social to be held in the spring.

### Spring 2025 Plenaries: Hold the Dates!

FDA Plenaries will be held in the spring on the following dates: February 19, March 19, & April 23. Exact content is still being determined, but will include an address by President Nancy Cantor on current changes and developments at the College, a presentation by Arts & Sciences Dean Erica Chito-Childs on new initiatives in the School, a presentation by Colleen Major, the new Chief Librarian, and others on changes in the Library, meetings with the President & Vice President of the Student Government Association on current student concerns, a discussion on free speech at the College with the ad hoc committee of the College Senate charged with addressing problems in this area over the last year, and more.

### In Memoriam: 4 Long-Time Faculty

We are saddened to announce the passing of 4 long-time faculty from Hunter College. Please refer to their departments for more details on their careers and lives. All of the following will be missed by so many of us who knew them:

Marna Lazreg, Sociology  
Elizabeth Nunez, English  
William Sakas, Computer Science  
William Williams, Mathematics

Introducing New Full-Time Faculty, Part 1: Those Starting Appointments in 2023-24

We are here introducing an important function of the Faculty Voice—to note new faculty, as well as faculty moves (e.g., by those on leave), promotions, and retirements. Because of the long hiatus in providing such information, we are beginning with recent faculty hires. Those beginning appointments in 2024-25 will be listed in the Spring 2025 FV. Because of the large number of hires at the College, after a several year hiring freeze, we have not given details of their education or research. Please refer to their respective departments for this information.

Africana & Puerto Rican/Latino Studies: Professor Yomaira Figueroa, Associate Professors Tao Leigh Goffee & Tacuma Peters, Assistant Professor Chaz Ernes Briscoe

Anthropology: Lecturer Darice Westphal

Art & Art History: Assistant Professors Yve Larice Cohen, Abigail Lucien, and Alva Mooses

Asian American Studies: Lecturer Daniel Woo

Biological Sciences: Assistant Professor Rabindra Mandal, Lecturer Mateusz Urbanski

Chemistry & Biochemistry: Assistant Professor Anton Oliynyk

Classical & Oriental Studies: Professor Bronwen Wickkiser, Associate Professor Andrea Koukklanakis, Lecturers Maria Silvia Sarais & Akiro Furukawa

Computer Science: Assistant Professor Raj Mohan Korpan, Lecturers Melissa Lynch & Justin Tojeira

Education: Curriculum & Teaching: Professor Rosa Rivera-McCutchen, Assistant Professor Maria Mavrides, Lecturer Maverick (Yunqiang) Zhang

Dance: Lecturer Tiffany Merritt-Brown

Economics & Accounting: Assistant Professor Armen Khederlarian

Education: Educational Foundations: Lecturers Nora Aboali & Hadeel Eddir

English: Assistant Professor Nicole Eitzen Delgado, Lecturers Donna Paparella, Sasha Maceira, & Katie Winkelstein-Duveneck

Film & Media Studies: Associate Professor Claudia Calhoun, Lecturers Omar Hammad & Poyen Wang

Geography & Environmental Science: Assistant Professor Alex Moulton, Lecturer Geoffrey Fouad

History: Associate Professor Vanessa May

Library: Assistant Professors Gina Levitan & Samantha Walsh

Mathematics & Statistics: Professor Peter Craigmile, Lecturers Bora Ferlengez & Toshiaki Jitsukawa

Nursing: Professor Maya Clark-Cutaia, Assistant Professor Ellen McCabe, Lecturer Elsie Jolade

Philosophy: Assistant Professor Kyle Ferguson, Lecturer Yuna Won

Physical Therapy: Assistant Professor Chad Woodard

Political Science: Associate Professor Leah Christiani, Assistant Professor Zhihang Ruan

Psychology: Associate Professor Julia Lechuga, Lecturers Ana Christina Minerly & Jennifer Savoie

Romance Languages: Assistant Professors Noran Mohamed & Ana Lucia Tello, Lecturers Tania Varela, Stefania Porcelli, & Rafael Fernandez

Social Work: Assistant Professors Qi Chen, Liat Shklarski, & Yi Wang

Sociology: Associate Professors Heba Gowayed & Schneur Zalman Newfield, Assistant Professor Nicholas Occhiuto, Lecturers Samuel Stabler & Xuemeng Li

Education: Special Education: Assistant Professor Melissa Jackson, Lecturers Morgan Friedman & Salvador Ruiz

Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology: Lecturers Antonia Schroeder & Hetal Shah

Theatre: Lecturer Christine Scarfuto

Urban Policy & Planning: Associate Professor Stefan Al, Lecturer Elizabeth Marcello

Urban Public Health: Assistant Professor Qianhui Zhang

Women & Gender Studies: Professor Priscilla Yamin

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